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CAPE TOWN FLIGHT DISASTER.

GIANT PLANE CRASHES NEAR TUNIS.

NATIVES WITNESS TERRIBLE DESERT TRAGEDY.

BOTH OFFICERS KILLED.

The great Fairey-Napier long-distance monoplane which started from Cranwell, Lincolnshire, on Tuesday in an attempt to fly direct to Cape Town, crashed on the same evening some twenty miles to the south of Tunis, and her occupants are reported to have been killed.

Two of the most noted airmen in the Royal Air Force, men who have specialised in long-distance flying, the deceased officers are

Squadron Leader A. G. Jones Williams, M.C.

Flight Lieutenant N. H. Jenkins, O.B.E., D.F.C.

The leader of the ambitious flight was Squadron Leader Jones Williams, whose photograph is on the right, and it is noteworthy that the two were also partners in the first nonstop flight from England to India in the same machine.



Details of the terrible disaster are not yet available. The absence of any news of the machine after she left Sardinia yesterday gave rise to grave apprehension, and when it was reported from Tunis that natives had seen a plane crash, there was little doubt, though hopes were entertained, that the R.A.F. machine was the one involved.

The airmen had covered approximately 1,200 miles in direct flight when the crash occurred, and for the present, no possible explanation of the tragedy can be ventured.

Directly the report of an aviation mishap reached the Air Ministry, special enquiries were set afoot, and last night, Lord Thomson, the Secretary of State for India, announced the sad news in the House of Lords.

WIRELESS SILENCE FORETELLS.

The full story of the tragedy may not be pieced together for a day or two. Squadron Leader A. G. Jones Williams and Flight Lieutenant Jenkins set off from Cranwell at eight o'clock on the morning of the 17th, and at four o'clock the same afternoon, they sent a wireless message from a point some sixty miles to the north-west of Sardinia, announcing their position and reporting that all was going well.

Wireless Failure.

According to the arrangements made between the airmen and the Air Ministry at the commencement of the flight, they were expected to send through another message at eight o'clock.

This was never received, but no anxiety was felt as it was considered that the silence could be explained by the failure of the land stations to intercept their routine signals.

However, when at mid-day yesterday no further message had been received at all, and no reports of the machine having been sighted were forthcoming, their silence began to give rise to alarm.

Ominous Silence.

At eight o'clock last night, the now very ominous silence still continued, and then a bombshell was dropped by an Air Ministry announcement that an unconfirmed report from Tunis had been received, that natives had seen a large aeroplane come down south of Tunis.

A British Wireless message says that immediate action was taken to confirm the report and ascertain the identity of the machine.

Natives Report Crash.

A Reuters report says that grave apprehension was excited by the

BRITISH LINER IN COLLISION.

SINKS OUTSIDE NEW YORK HARBOUR.

ALL ABOARD SAVED.

New York, Dec. 18. A serious shipping collision, involving the sinking of a British liner, occurred to-day just outside New York Harbour.

The Furness liner Fort Victoria, of 7,784 tons, was the vessel lost. She had on board 200 passengers when she collided with the Clyde S.S. Company's liner Algonquin, and subsequently sank.

The collision occurred in a fog, the Algonquin having on board 180 passengers. Fortunately, there were no lives lost, all the passengers aboard the Fort Victoria being safely transferred to a pilot boat after the accident.—Reuters American Service.

The Fort Victoria was built by Messrs. W. Beardmore and Co., Glasgow, in 1913, for the Bermuda and West Indies S.S. Company. Her dimensions were:—Length, 411.7 feet; breadth, 56.7 feet; depth, 34.1 feet.

The Algonquin, of 5,546 tons, was built in 1926 at Newport News for the Cherokee and Seminole S.S. Co., for which the Clyde S.S. Company are managers. She is 387.5 feet long, 55 feet in breadth and has a depth of 20 feet.

CAIRO-CAPE AIR SERVICE.

GOOD PROGRESS REPORTED ON THE PROJECT.

London, Dec. 18. In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. F. Montague, Under-Secretary for Air, questioned regarding the progress in developing the Cairo-to-Cape air route, said, the proposals for this service had been agreed in principle with the various Governments concerned, and had also been accepted by the Imperial Airways Company. Various preliminary details of the organising service were in hand.

Satisfactory arrangements had been made regarding the ground organisation within the Union of South Africa. The first section of the service was expected to be ready in June, 1930, and the second half about six months later.—British Wireless.

SHANGHAI MOTOR TRAGEDY.

COURT UPHOLDS SENTENCE ON CHINESE.

Shanghai, Dec. 19. The Appeal Court has upheld the sentence of 14 months' imprisonment passed on a salesman of a Chinese garage for killing Mr. G. A. Griffiths, of the engineering office of the Shanghai Mutual Telephone Co., by knocking him down whilst riding a motor-cycle in Bubbling Well Road.

The confirmation of the sentence is expected to have a salutary effect on other "road-hogs."—Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON BUSINESS GOING WEST.

SHELL-MEX PURCHASE THE HOTEL CECIL SITE.

London, Dec. 18. Another stage in the gradual move of business from the City to the Western part of London was marked to-day by the signature of a contract for the sale of the Hotel Cecil site in the Strand to Shell-Mex, Limited.—Reuters.

POSTAL WORKERS' THREAT.

OPPOSED TO NANKING AIR MAIL.

Shanghai, Dec. 19. The Postal Workers' Union has telegraphed to Nanking threatening to bar the air mail, and demanding the cancellation of the Sino-American agreement. The agitation continues to be stressed in the vernacular Press.—Our Own Correspondent.

PROTECTION FOR DOMINIONS.

SOVIET PROPAGANDA PLEDGES.

MR. HENDERSON EXCHANGING SPECIAL NOTES.

HAPPY ASSURANCES.

London, Dec. 18. At their request, all British Dominions will be specially protected against Communist propaganda by Moscow agents.

An announcement to this effect was made by Mr. Arthur Henderson in the House of Commons to-day, in the course of a debate on a Conservative motion disapproving of the methods of the Government in their conduct of negotiations with the Soviet Government.

Mr. Henderson told the House that as the result of recent conversations, it had been arranged that at the presentation of M. Sokolnikoff's credentials, at the end of the week, there would be

"FIGHT TO A FINISH."

Recent Command Order to Anti-Piracy Guards.

GENERAL CONFIDENT.

The following is the text of the Command Order issued last week after the piracy of the Hauling:

"In connexion with the piracy of the s.s. Hauling on December 8, which carried no infantry guard, and yet put up a splendid defence, the G.O.C. is confident that the Officers, N.C.O.s and men of the anti-piracy guards, found by the China Command fully realise that it would be a disgrace to the British Army if a ship for which they are responsible is pirated without the guard putting up a fight to a finish, regardless of casualties."

An exchange of Notes between the British and Soviet Governments, covering the question of propaganda between the United Kingdom and the Soviet, and also, at the request of the Dominions, there would be a supplementary Note, in which each Dominion would be specially mentioned, giving exactly the same undertaking as secured on the question of propaganda for the United Kingdom.

India Not a Dominion.

Replying to Sir Austen Chamberlain, Mr. Henderson said that India was not named as a Dominion, but would be included as a part of the British Empire.

Mr. Henderson said that once relations had been resumed, the Government would watch the question of propaganda. In the event of its continued use, the Government would employ all diplomatic means to have it discontinued. The Conservative motion was defeated by 254 votes to 107.

Russo-Chinese Dispute.

Mr. G. le M. Mander (Lab.) asked what countries had associated themselves with the initiative of the United States in appealing to Russia and China to observe the Kellogg Pact.

Replies had been received by the U. S. Government from a number of other Governments approving the proposal made to them.

The fact that direct negotiations had begun between Russia and China no doubt made it seem unnecessary to many other Governments to follow suit.

M. Sokolnikoff.

Mr. Henderson told another questioner that he hoped the Russian Ambassador to Britain would present his credentials on December 20th. He added that there was nothing unusual in a new Ambassador being in this country a week or ten days before presenting his credentials. It is learned from Melbourne, that Mr. Scullin, the Labour

ANOTHER BRIDGE BLOWN UP.

LATEST CANTON-KOWLOON BANDIT OUTRAGE.

TWO PIERS DAMAGED.

Canton, Dec. 18.

Another bridge on the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway was blown up yesterday afternoon, but at the moment of writing it is not possible to state the amount of damage, or to indicate by whom the outrage was committed.

The bridge is one in the neighbourhood of Shap, which is 25.19 miles from Tai Sha Tau, the terminus of the Canton-Kowloon Railway. It is a smaller bridge than the one at Shek Ha, situated about 32 miles from Canton, which was blown up last week, and the damage is said not to have been so serious.—Our Own Correspondent.

Confirmation of the blowing up of the bridge was obtained on enquiries made by the Telegraph from the Traffic Manager of the British section of the railway this morning. Mr. G. A. Walker stated that the bridge is one of three 16-foot spans, and the two centre piers have been damaged. The outrage is attributed to bandits.

At present, trains from Kowloon are unable to run beyond Sheklung, some 40 miles this side of Canton, owing to the blowing up of the Shek Ha bridge, but it is hoped that within a few weeks, after temporary repairs have been effected, the full service to Canton will be resumed.

INFERNAL MACHINE IN A TRAIN.

SIX INJURED BY BIG EXPLOSION.

Belgrade, Dec. 18. Three passengers were seriously injured and three others were hurt as the result of an explosion of an infernal machine in a train travelling from Pirot to Belgrade.

The explosion occurred near Chiflik. The train was able to proceed, but the Orient Express was delayed for some time owing to the blocking of the line.

It will be recalled that infernal machines blew up part of the line at the same spot some weeks ago, the affair being attributed to Bulgarian bandits.—Reuters.

ITALIAN TEXTILE DIFFICULTIES.

SIGNOR MUSSOLINI TAKES PROMINENT INTEREST.

Rome, Dec. 18. Signor Mussolini presided to-day at a meeting held for the purpose of considering the situation in the silk market from the viewpoint of its immediate consequences on the textile industry and its more remote effects on Italy's economic position.

It was resolved to establish immediately a financial syndicate under the auspices of the Government for the purpose of stemming the present instability of prices and regulating the silk market.—Reuters.

ALTERATIONS TO THE R101.

INTENDED TO INCREASE EFFICIENCY.

London, Dec. 18. In the House of Commons, replying to questions about airship R101, Mr. F. Montague said modifications were being made which the trials had shown to be desirable. It was proposed further to increase the efficiency of the airship by the insertion of an additional bag. The airship would resume flying as soon as the alterations were completed.—British Wireless.

Premier of Australia, issued a statement to-day to the effect that neither Great Britain nor Russia had approached the Commonwealth Government on the subject of Soviet representation in Australia.—Reuters.

EARL BEATTY ISSUES A WARNING.

MACDONALD'S CRUISER FIGURES DANGEROUSLY LOW.

OFFICIAL ASSURANCES.

Saying that all who had given earnest consideration to British naval needs viewed the proposed reduction of cruiser tonnage with apprehension, Earl Beatty, one of Britain's foremost naval commanders in the Great War, issued a warning against precipitate naval disarmament, in the House of Lords yesterday.

He declared that Britain was approaching the London Naval Conference with figures representing a dangerous minimum in cruisers.

The advent of a German 10,000-ton warship, so fast and powerfully armed that a battle-cruiser was the only effective counter, was mentioned during the discussion.

Lord Thomson assured Earl Beatty that his views would be carefully noted. He also stated definitely that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald had no intention of using the Singapore Base as a bargaining counter at the Naval Conference.

LORD THOMSON'S PROMISE.

London, Dec. 18. The wonderful warship produced in Germany which threatens to revolutionise naval construction in the future was made a point of particular reference in the House of Lords to-day, when Earl Stanhope initiated a debate on the proposed reduction of British cruiser strength.

Earl Stanhope expressed himself as dubious regarding the effectiveness of the Fleet if cruisers were to be further reduced. He drew as an instance of the difficulties to be faced, the fact that Germany, as a non-participant at the Washington Conference, had legitimately built a 10,000-ton ship well-armed, which was too fast to be caught by a battleship and too powerful to be handled by any cruiser under the Washington limitations.

Battlecruisers Needed. The only vessel capable of coping with such a ship was a battle-cruiser and the maintenance of battle-cruisers would necessitate a larger number of battleships than would otherwise be necessary.

Earl Beatty, the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet during the War, declared that Britain was approaching the naval conference with figures representing a dangerous minimum.

The extremely low limit of the cruiser tonnage was sufficient to cause apprehension among those who have given consideration to this vital question.

Beatty Doubtful.

Earl Beatty confessed himself as unable to understand how parity in cruiser strength could be achieved unless it be parity having regard to the commitments and obligations of each nation.

Lord Thomson, the Minister for Air, gave the House an assurance that the Government policy vis-à-vis the security of the Empire had not altered a single point.

He said that if the London Naval Conference succeeded, the Government was confident that the Admiralty would be able to continue adequately to discharge the responsibilities of naval defence. He assured Earl Beatty that the Government would carefully note his remarks.

Singapore Base.

Adverting to the Singapore Base and its relation to the Conference, Earl Stanhope asserted that much work had been carried out in recent years on naval bases in Japan and in the Hawaiian Islands.

It was, therefore, incomprehensible, he said, that the Government should expect Japan and the United States to remark upon what Britain is doing at Singapore.

Not A Bargaining Counter. Lord Thomson declared that the Government did not intend to use the Singapore Scheme, as a bargaining counter at the naval conference.

The Government was entering upon the conference with "clean hands and if they achieved a hoped-for success, they would be able to apply some of the results of the agreement in the Singapore

Scheme. That was the only reason why work had been delayed.

If any proposal affecting the scheme as a whole or the date of its completion was ventured, it would be made only after full consultation with the Governments of the Dominions, of Malaya and Hongkong.

In the Commons.

In the House of Commons, Mr. C. G. Ammon, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, stated that the amounts contributed to the Singapore Scheme by Hongkong, the Federated Malay States and New Zealand were £250,000 respectively.

Of the total, £1,700,000, the Admiralty had appropriated £1,294,000 in relief of expenditure falling on the Navy votes.

The balance £406,000 had been credited to the Army and Air Force Votes in relief of expenditure falling on those votes.

After Mr. A. V. Alexander, the First Lord of the Admiralty, had dealt with the question of finance at Singapore, Sir Henry Page Croft (Cons.) asked whether the Government would see that the monies thus "obtained under false pretences" would be returned to the contributors.

Mr. Alexander made no reply.

Labourite's Query.

Mr. W. T. Kelly (Lab. Rochdale) asked what would be the saving on the Naval Estimates if during each of the next three years it was decided not to replace any battleships now in commission, and secondly, what would be the additional saving if half the number of battleships now in commission were scrapped.

Mr. C. G. Ammon replied that the battleship replacement programme contained in the Washington Agreement provided that two new battleships should be laid down by the British Empire in 1931 and two more in 1932.

New Ship's Cost.

Assuming that such new ships were built to the maximum permissible displacement, the estimated cost of battleship construction in the next three years would be:

1930: Nil.
1931: £1,030,000.
1932: £8,065,000.

As regards the second part of the question, the annual cost of the maintenance of eight of the sixteen existing battleships was roughly £2,800,000, of which £1,600,000 was for pay, allowances, insurance, victualling, etc.

He was unable to say what would be the actual effect on the Naval Estimates of the policy indicated by the questioner.

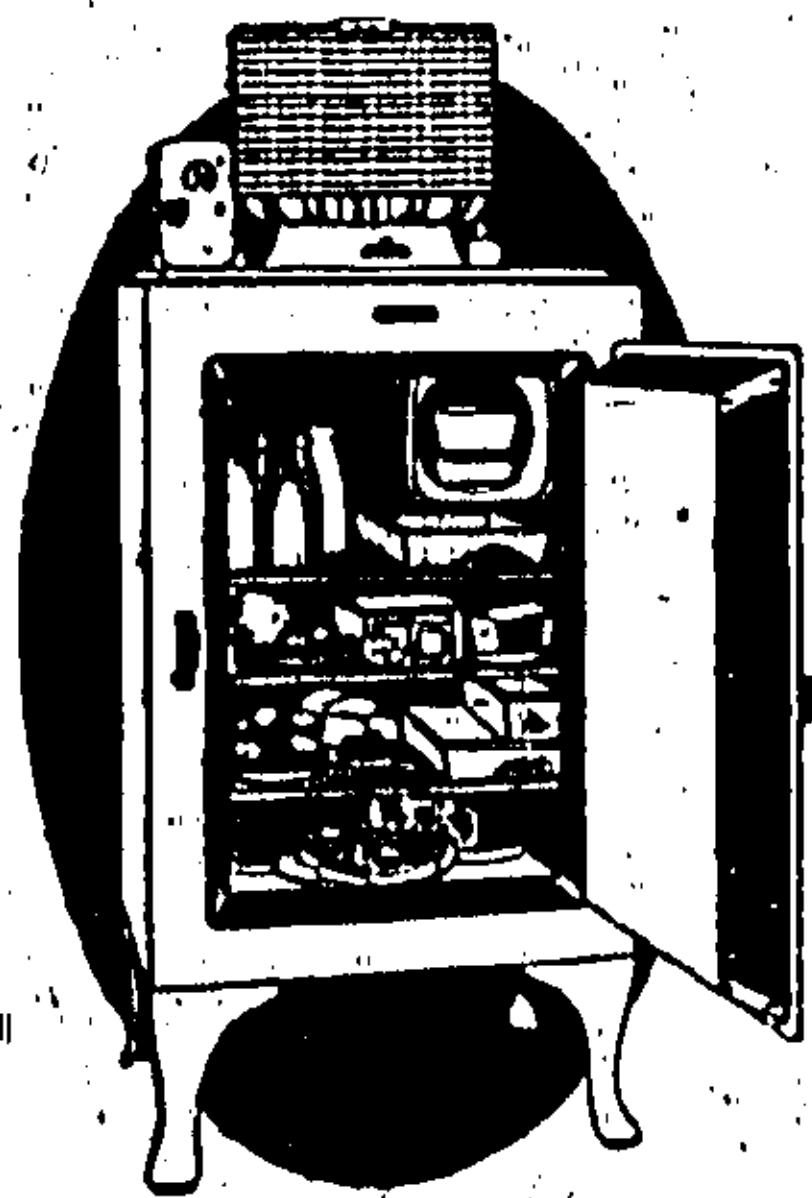
Geneva Gathering.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Foreign Secretary, told the House to-day that he proposed to attend the meeting of the Council of the League of Nations at Geneva in January, although owing to the forthcoming naval conference, he might not be able to remain in Geneva until the end of the session. During the remainder of the session, the British Government would be represented by Dr. Hugh

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R. O. TALLON CONVICTED OF ASSAULT.

A conviction was registered against Revenue Officer Tallon by Mr. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when the summons of assault brought by a driver and a fireman of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, was found proved and a fine of \$10 was imposed. The driver, who was in turn summoned for obstructing the officer in the execution of his duty, was also convicted and fined \$10.

Mr. F. C. E. Rendall was for the Railway employees and Mr. L. R. Andrews, Assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared for R. O. Tallon.

The summonses arose out of an incident at the Kowloon Station on October 10. The driver and one of the firemen of the Express train from Canton summoned R. O. Tallon for assault while the officer issued cross summonses against the driver and two firemen for being in possession of opium. The driver was further summoned for obstructing the officer in the execution of his duty.

After hearing further evidence his Worship intimated that he was not going to register any convictions on the opium summonses. There was only one witness to say that there was opium on the train. He thought that it would be very unsafe to convict on the evidence of one witness who stated that there was something that looked like opium. In all opium cases the Court relied on the certificate from the Government Monopoly Analyst (Mr. H. A. Taylor), as to whether it was opium or not and he thought it would be unsafe and unwise to depart from that course.

His Worship said that they could not get away from the fact that there was no evidence that it was opium. There was quite a fair inference but the inference might be wrong.

After Mr. Andrews and Mr. Rendall had addressed the Bench, his Worship remarked that they had not got the whole story. He did not know who was keeping it back but he was certain that somebody must be holding something back. On the whole the evidence did not make a reasonable story. However, he supposed they would not get any more evidence.

Magistrate on Opium Smuggling.

In giving his decision his Worship said that there was one thing he thought he was entitled to take notice of and that was that during the last few months there had been several convictions of employees of the Railway for possession of opium. Now, that was a very exasperating thing, not only for the heads of the Railway but particularly for the Imports and Exports Department. It must be very exasperating for them to know that there were certain Chinese employees of the Railway who were assisting in the opium traffic between Hongkong and Canton.

Those Railway employees had a wonderful opportunity of smuggling or of assisting in the smuggling traffic because they were in constant touch with Canton and as employees of the Railway they were not likely to be searched in the same way as ordinary passengers on the train.

Continuing, his Worship said that it must be difficult for the Imports and Exports Department to fight against the opium traffic with Railway employees assisting in the traffic.

"Kid Glove Methods."

"Now," proceeded his Worship, "in fighting against smugglers, in fighting the opium traffic, one does not expect 'kid glove methods' to be used. A certain amount of roughness is undoubtedly justified but at the same time Revenue officers should be very careful to see that their zeal doesn't carry them too far and that's what I think happened in this case—that Mr. Tallon let his zeal carry him too far. I hold that it has been proved that he struck the driver and one of the firemen severe blows with the

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF MARSHAL GOMES DA COSTA.

Lisbon, Dec. 18.

The death has occurred of Marshal Gomes Da Costa, former Dictator of the Portuguese Republic, who commanded the Portuguese Division in France during the war.—*Reuter*.

(Manoel de Oliveira Gomes da Costa, the Portuguese General, was born in 1862 and entered the army of his country in 1881. He distinguished himself several times during his service in the colonies, notably in the defence of the town of Pangim in the Portuguese Indies. For this he was in 1895 awarded the highest military order of Portugal the Torre-e-Espada, and the inhabitants of Goa presented him with a sword of honour.

During the world-war, Gomes da Costa was at first in command of the troops in Lourenco Marques, and wrote a book on his experiences there. After the death of Gen. Tamariz de Abreu he took over the leadership of the Portuguese division in Flanders and later dealt with the part it played in a book entitled "The Battle on the Lys."

After the war he entered politics and was for a time a member of the Radical party, but soon left it. In the spring of 1926 in an open letter to the warring factions he declared that he would intervene unless there was an improvement in the political situation and on May 23 at the head of the 18th Division stationed in Braga, North Portugal, he undertook a coup d'etat the greater part of the army joining his standard. Appearing before Lisbon on June 6, he gained his objective without difficulty and formed a Government with other officers under the Premiership of Commander Cabecenas, Gomes da Costa himself taking the portfolio of War. Eleven days later he drove Cabecenas out of the Government and became Premier. On June 26 he had himself invested with the powers of President. His regime, however, was of short duration, for on July 9, 1926, he was overthrown by his War Minister Gen. Carmona whom he had relieved of his post and was exiled to the Azores. This step was said to be due to the new regime having been unable to obtain from him the transfer of his Presidential powers.]

Mr. Sin Shen-chee.

It is with great regret that we have to announce the death, which took place on Tuesday at his residence, No. 305, Des Vaux Road West, of Mr. Sin Shen-chee, alias Ah Pong, at the advanced age of 76.

The deceased was one of the leading painting contractors to the Hongkong Hotel, the C.P.R. Co. and other shipping firms of the Colony. A man of sterling qualities, he was very popular and leaves many friends to mourn his demise.

The funeral will take place today at the Chinese cemetery at Aberdeen. The procession will leave the deceased's residence at 1 p.m. and a stop will be made at Yat Pil Ting, Kennedy Town.

spanner that necessitated their going to hospital for a few days."

His Worship said that it had been argued by Mr. Andrews that the injuries had been caused by Mr. Tallon in self-defence, but his Worship did not think that that had been proved. According to the evidence, after Mr. Tallon had discovered what he took to be packets of opium, the engine driver was alleged to have broken the steam gauge and that caused the rush of steam into the cabin of the engine.

Rather an Alarming Thing.

It must have been rather an alarming thing and his Worship should say that the best defensive measure that Mr. Tallon could have taken would have been to have got off the engine as quickly as possible, but he did not do that. According to his own evidence he closed with the driver and his Worship thought that that rather indicated he did not consider the rush of steam into the cabin of the engine a matter of life and death.

He evidently considered that he had time to close with the driver.

Continuing, his Worship said that he considered that the blows were of such severity that there was no legal justification and he accordingly convicted Mr. Tallon of assault. He would be fined \$10. He was taking into consideration the fact that he may have had a certain amount of provocation but not sufficient to justify blows of that description. His Worship was not going to award compensation to the driver and fireman because he had great suspicions that they were smuggling opium.

With regard to the obstruction charge, his Worship said that if the driver or the fireman had been charged with assaulting Mr. Tallon he would have acquitted as he did not think there was anything in the nature of an assault but he did believe that in some way the driver had interfered with the officer in the course of his duties. It was inconceivable that Mr. Tallon would have turned on the engine driver if he had not been doing anything.

It was very difficult to say who or what broke the water gauge but

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his Worship was inclined to think that the driver did.

His Worship said that he did not think he could take as serious a view of the obstruction as Mr. Tallon had taken. His Worship's impression was that Mr. Tallon imagined a lot of things were going to happen that were not going to happen.

The driver was convicted of obstruction and fined \$10.

It has been pointed out that a remark made by Mr. Andrews during the earlier part of the proceedings on Tuesday that "This is not my case and it does not concern me" is liable to misconstruction. Mr. Andrews had made reference to a part heard case at Home and his point was that, not being the prosecutor in the present proceedings, the Home case did not concern him.

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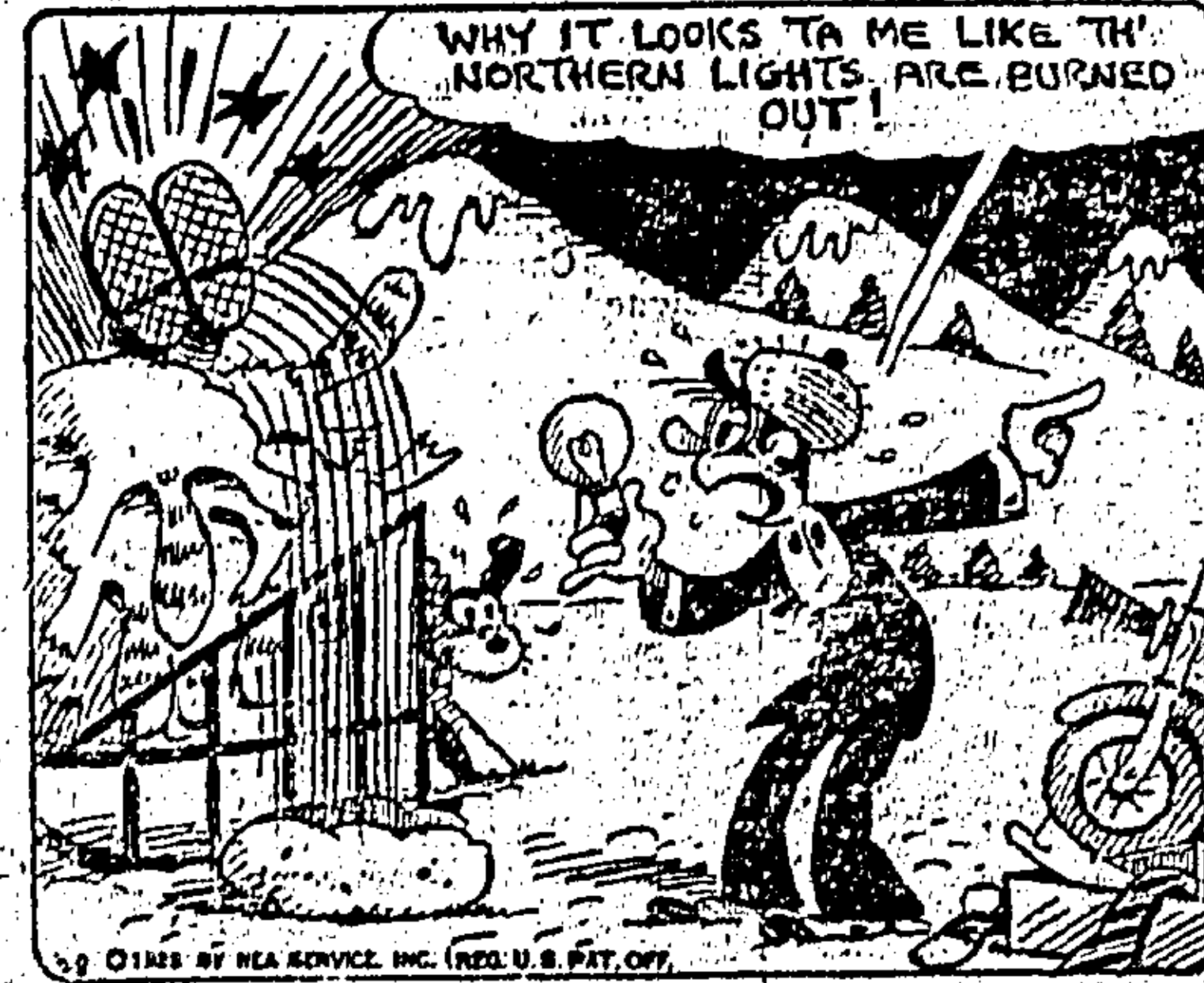
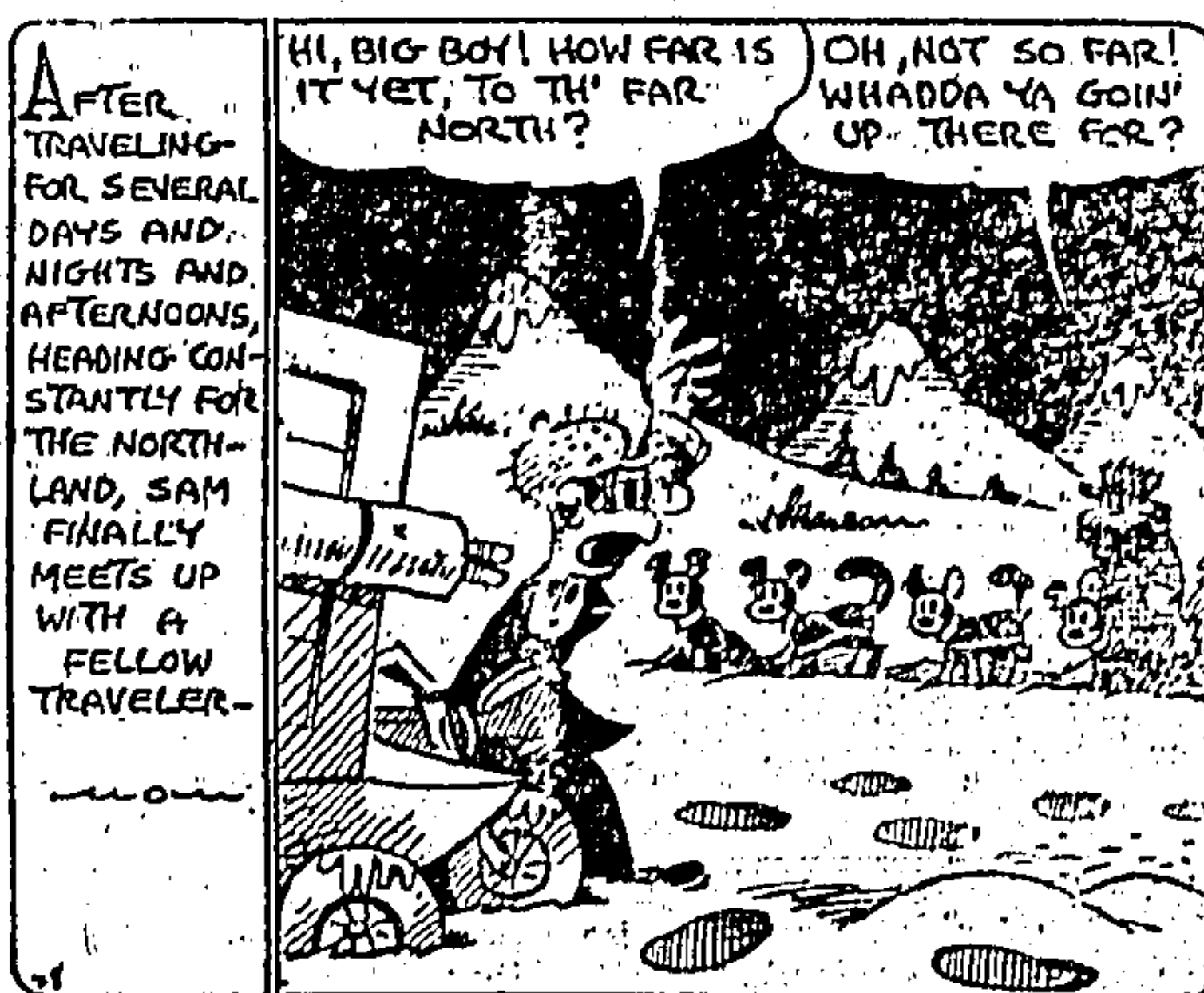


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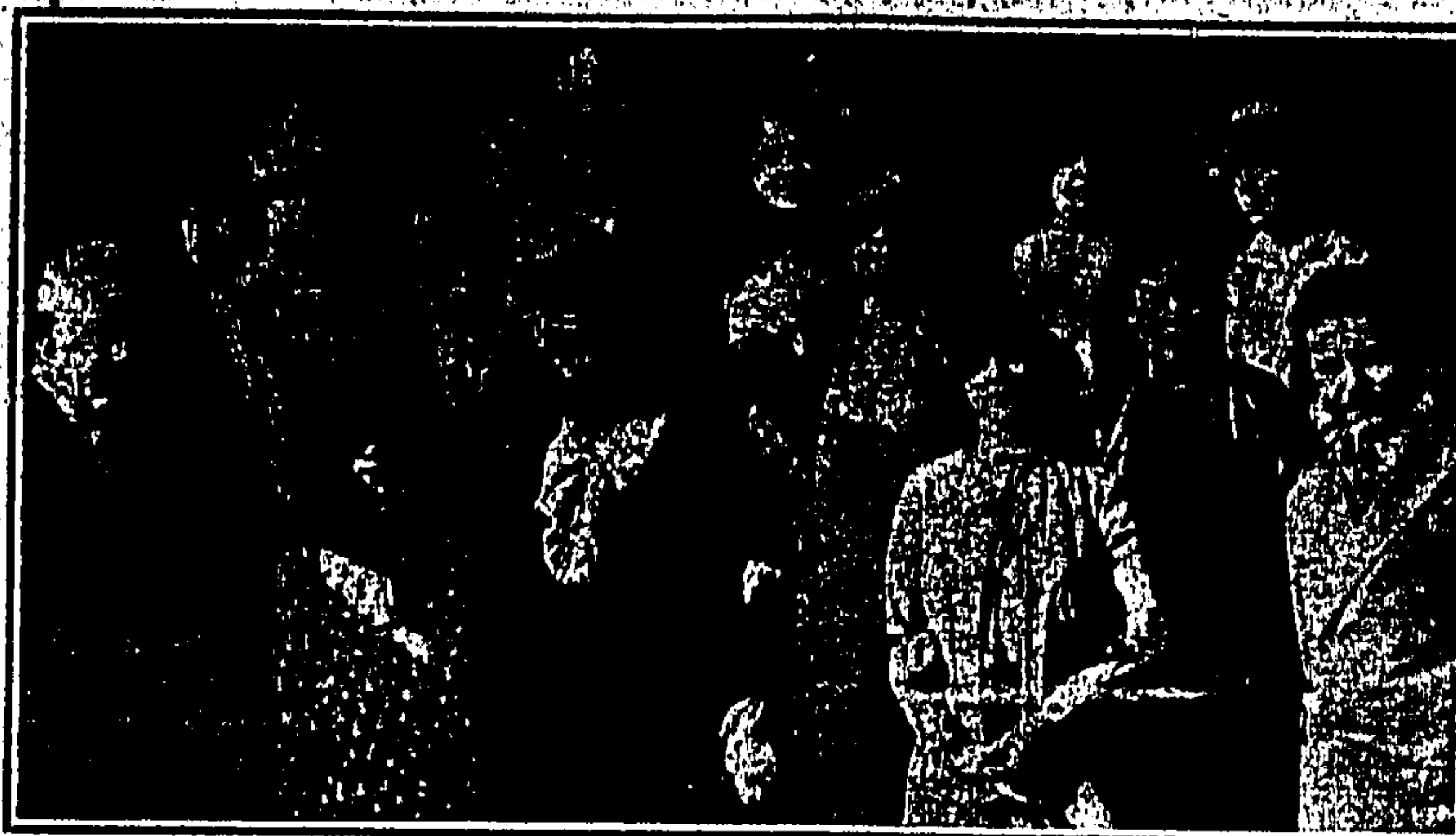
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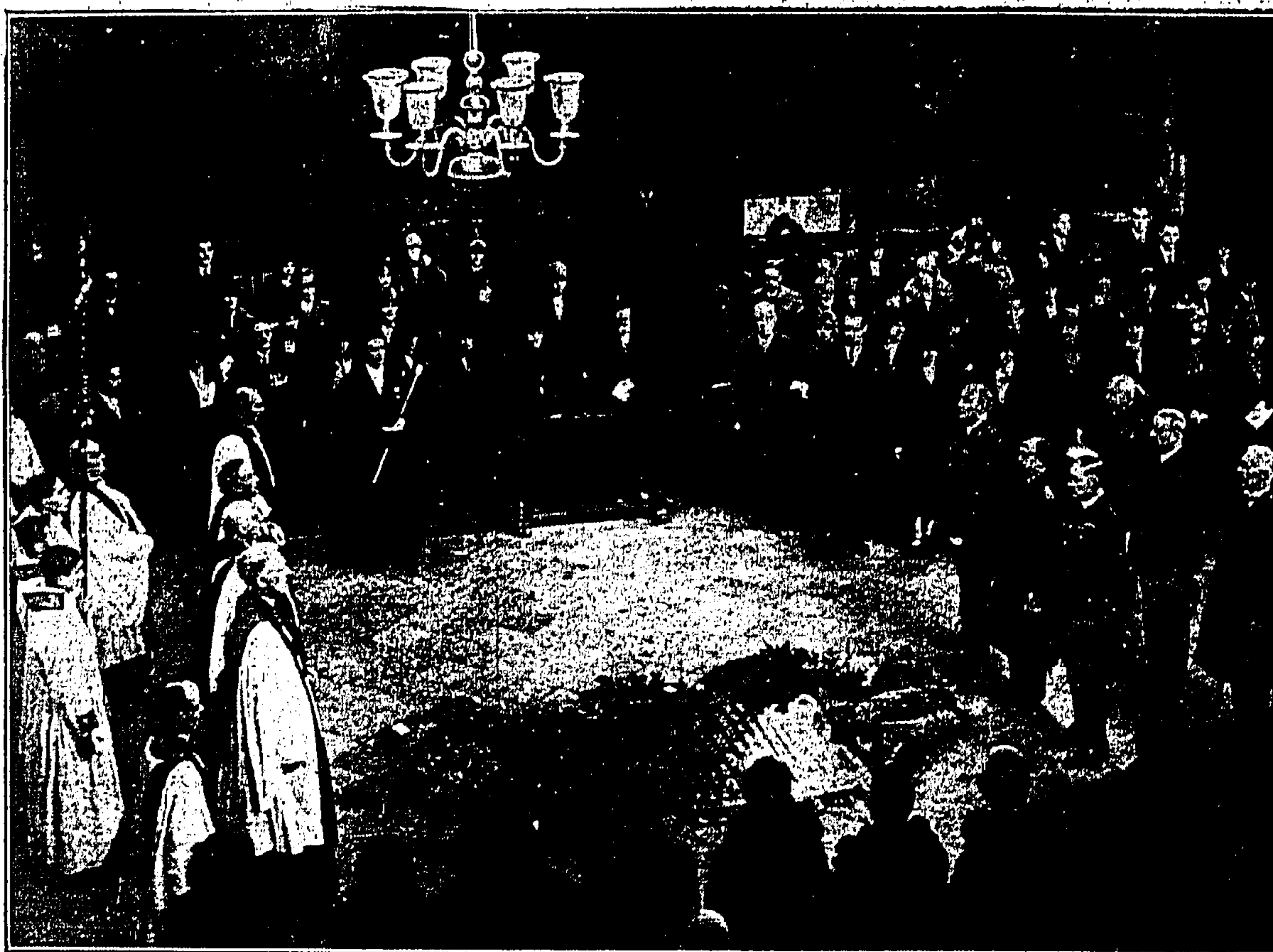
Photo taken in Shanghai recently when the Royal Hotel was the scene of a large dinner party given by Italian Fascists in honour of their Secretary, Commander de Luca, who is leaving Shanghai for Italy.



A recent democratic meeting between a president and a monarch is pictured above as King Albert of Belgium, in military garb, and President Gaston Doumergue of France, in formal civilian attire, rode together through the streets of Brussels.



The above group was taken on the occasion of the first meeting of Shanghai women who are organising a fête on behalf of the Child Welfare League.



The scene during the simple Armistice Day service at the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey. At the foot of the Tomb are seen General Sir Walter Braithwaite (Adjutant-General to the Forces), Vice-Admiral Sir Michael Hodges, and Air Vice-Marshal Sir Edward Ellington. Behind are Field-Marshal Lord Plumer, Commodore C. Adams, and Captain A. S. Mackay. (Times copyright).



These men of the East—undoubtedly wise—added colour to the International Pageant recently held in Shanghai.



Above are Mr. Laszlo Schwartz, a Hungarian violinist-composer, and Miss Dawn Ashton, who combines great acting ability with a remarkable coloratura soprano voice. They are providing an interesting diversion for patrons of the Hongkong Hotel Company appearing first at the Repulse Bay Hotel on Saturday.



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His Excellency the Governor has intimated his willingness to preside at the meeting, at which a resolution for the formation of the Club will be moved.

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EARL BEATTY ISSUES A WARNING.

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Dalton, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs—Reuter and British Wireless.

French Attitude.

Paris, Dec. 18.

M. Tardieu, M. Briand and M. Leygues, the principal French delegates to the London Naval Conference, explained the attitude of the Government proposes to adopt to the Foreign Affairs and Naval Committees of the Chamber.

It is stated that France will adhere to the standpoint that naval disarmament cannot be settled separately, and that the London Conference decisions must form the basis of a League of Nations Conference for the limitation of all armaments.—Reuter.

Paris, Dec. 18.

The five principal members of the French delegation to the naval conference in London will be M. M. Tardieu, Briand, Leygues, Pietri and Philippe Berthelot. It is understood the Presidents and rapporteurs of the Senate and Chamber, and also a number of experts from the Ministries of Marine and Foreign Affairs will accompany them.—Reuter.

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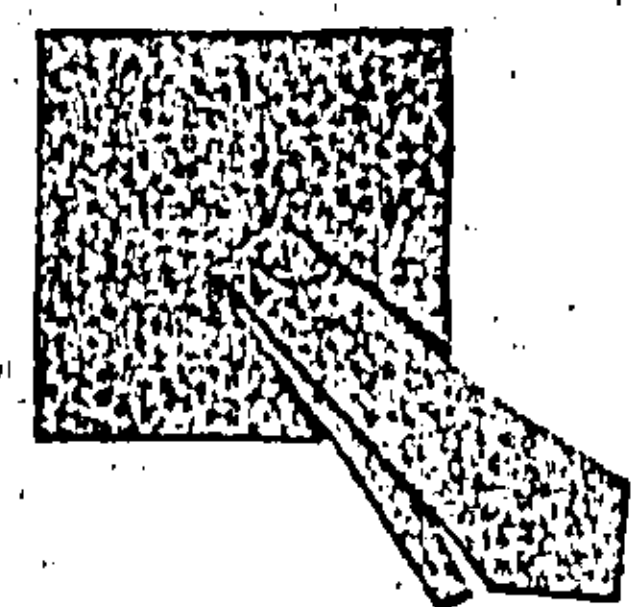
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DEVELOPMENT NEEDS.

The value of the acquisition of a site for a permanent officers' training camp and scouts' camping ground at Saiwan was explained by the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Commissioner, at the annual meeting of the Hongkong branch of the Boy Scouts' Association, in St. John's Cathedral Hall yesterday, under the chairmanship of the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall.

The Hon. Dr. Kotewall, in his presidential speech, said: "I very much regret that His Excellency the Governor, who is our local Chief Scout, is unable through pressure of public duties to come and preside at this meeting. That duty has consequently devolved upon me as President of the Association."

I will not attempt a review of the past year's work, as it will be given in the Report to be presented by the Honorary Secretary. That Report which has been prepared by our hard-working Commissioner, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, will reveal to you another year of good work performed cheerfully and with singleness of purpose by all officers of the Association, from the Commissioner down to the newest scoutmaster.

We will soon lose—happily, only for a time—the valuable services of Mr. Waldegrave, who is going home on a well-earned holiday. In Mr. Waldegrave the Association is fortunate in possessing as its chief executive officer one whose experience and knowledge of boys are probably unrivalled in the Colony, whose enthusiasm for the movement knows no bounds, and who in spite of the various other heavy calls upon his time, has shown a devotion to his work which only one who performs his duty as a labour of love is able to show. I am afraid that the strenuousness of his multifarious duties has been a great strain, and I am therefore glad, for his sake, that he is about to take a much-needed rest. We wish him a very pleasant voyage and a holiday that will be a real relaxation to him.

We are fortunate in having secured the consent of Mr. C. Champkin to act as Deputy Commissioner, and to perform the duties of the Commissioner during the absence on leave of Mr. Waldegrave. Mr. Champkin who has proven himself to be a very keen and popular scoutmaster, has once acted in this capacity with signal success.

It is with great pleasure that I associate myself with the tribute that is paid in the Report to Mr. C. H. Blason, Col. T. A. Robertson, Mr. A. White, Mr. Alfred J. Lane, Mr. Mitchell, our Honorary Secretary, and Mr. Ip Choi-hing, our Assistant Secretary; and I should also like, as President of the Association, to express my sincere thanks to all officers and officials for their splendid work and devotion to duty, which have enabled us to look back upon another year of real progress.

I am very sorry to announce that Mr. Richard Hancock has just intimated to me that he does not desire re-election as Vice-President as he is shortly going away on a holiday for nine months. I know that you will receive this announcement with great regret, as Mr. Hancock has been Vice-President of the Association since its formation in 1920, and has rendered very valuable services to it. Our regret is, however, tempered by the hope that his services may again be available to the Association on his return. We wish him bon voyage and a restful holiday.

Governor's Interest.

It is a matter of great regret to me, as it must be to you all, that circumstances have prevented His Excellency Sir Cecil Clementi from coming to this meeting. I know that he is with us in spirit. No one has shown a greater interest in the Scout movement in this Colony than has His Excellency. In spite of the strain and stress of pressing and onerous occupations, he has always been more than ready to give us the benefit of his wise counsels and guidance, and of his practical encouragement and active support which have substantially contributed to the success we have attained in recent years.

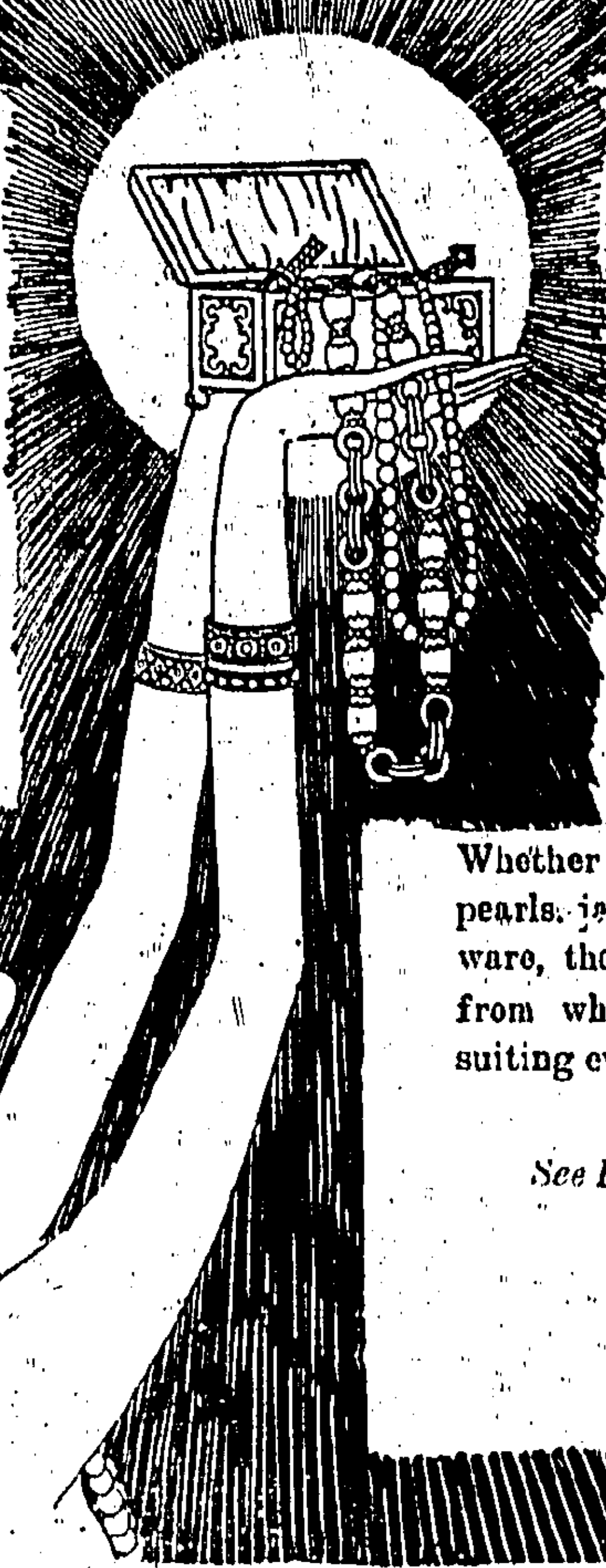
It may interest you to know that on the 3rd December the Brownies who are in the Girl Guides Association, and the Wolf Cubs who are in our Association, were entertained at tea by Lady Clementi at Government House. Before tea the Brownies had competitions and games, while the Cubs had a competition; and opportunity was taken by the two Associations to express their thanks to Lady Clementi for all

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her kind interest in both organisations. This was but one instance of the very many evidences of sympathetic support for which both Guides and Scouts owe a deep debt of gratitude to His Excellency the Governor and Lady Clementi who, I feel sure, see in the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides movement one way of attaining that end which they have so much at heart and towards which they have laboured so strenuously and with already such success, namely, a better understanding and closer co-operation among the various nationalities. Their approaching departure from these shores is an irreparable loss to our movement as to the Colony, and we wish them continued success in the new and wider sphere of their work.

In the Report mention is made of the close and increasing co-operation between the Girl Guides and Boy Scouts. I think it but right to say that this happy result is mainly due to the keenness shown on the one side by the Girl Guides Commissioner, Mrs. Southorn, and on the other side by our indefatigable Commissioner, Mr. Waldegrave. During Mrs. Southorn's absence, this good work was worthily carried on by Miss Jaques.

The Training Camp.

The acquisition of a property at Saiwan as a training camp for Boy Scouts is mentioned in some detail in the Report. This property is situated on an ideal site, and its acquisition has met a long felt want, and will undoubtedly go far to raise the efficiency of the officers and Troops, and to knit them yet closer together. But this acquisition has also been a severe drain on our financial resources which have never been in a flourishing condition. I therefore make a strong appeal to all who take an interest in the movement and believe that it is doing

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good to society, to come to our aid. In the first instance I would appeal to all to come to our Grand Coming-of-Age Concert and Display which will be given in the Theatre Royal on Saturday next under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor. By doing this, not only will you assist in a deserving cause, but you will, I am sure, also derive pleasure from what I can promise you to be a good show well worth your money.

On Saturday, the 11th January, the training camp at Saiwan will be formally opened by Mrs. W. T. Southern, to whom we owe another debt of gratitude. To this function we hope to welcome a good and representative attendance of our sympathisers.

There is yet another way in which our friends could assist us in a more permanent form. I ask them to become members of the Association. The annual subscription is only \$10, and for this sum members receive a copy of the "Silver Wolf," the organ of the Association, which is a costly magazine to produce but is a useful record of the activities and interests of the Association.

Ladies and gentlemen, I let my appeal go forth to the public without expatiating on the aims and merits of the movement, as well known are they to all. I feel that I need but make the appeal to meet with a hearty response.

Annual Report.

Extracts from the annual report, which was very lengthy, are appended:

The outstanding event of the Scout year in Hongkong was of course the opportunity given a contingent from our Association to be inspected by H. R. H. the Duke of Gloucester, in company with similar representatives of the Girl Guides and the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

After a reference to the Prince of Wales' Banner Competition and the annual swimming sports, the report remarks that as regards the boys themselves the most marked advance has been made in the Wolf Cub Section.

The Scout Troops have decreased in number, but this is due to the fact that three troops have amalgamated, forming one large one. One new Troop has come into being, and steps are being taken to get two more started, an All-Indian one and one at the Cheung Chau Government School.

Sea Scouts Flourishing.

The Sea Scouts are flourishing, though there is still only one Group. This may be accounted for by the fact that it is infinitely more expensive to run Sea Scouts than ordinary Scouts and also that it is unwise to take liberties with the sea.

The Rover Scout Section is becoming increasingly vigorous under the leadership of Scouters able to devote their energies to that work. The numbers have not much increased, but there is more of the right Rover spirit about.

Headquarters Staff.

At Headquarters the principal changes have been that the two Assistant Commissioners with whom we started the year have resigned, Mr. Blason on leaving for England, Col. Robertson from lack of time to give up to the ever-increasing demands which Scouting makes on all its officers.

We are delighted to report that Mr. Champkin has now been able to re-join us as Assistant Commissioner and Mr. C. G. H. Christian has taken Col. Robertson's place. No evidence of the keenness of these two Officers is required in this Report, their energy being well known.

On Mr. Blason relinquishing the post of Hon. Treasurer, Mr. T. N. Chau kindly accepted the post. Mr. W. K. Tait, who was Hon. Asst. Treasurer, on leaving Hongkong handed over his books to Mr. D. Black.

Mr. A. White, District Scoutmaster, has unfortunately for us resigned. He was one of the earliest executive officers in the Association, and as first Scoutmaster of the 4th Troop laid the solid foundation which has enabled that Troop to keep going through many vicissitudes.

To all friends who as members of the Council and its Executive Committee or as examiners and instructors have rendered help we offer our sincere thanks, and especially to H. E. Sir Cecil Clementi, our local Chief Scout, whose interest and support has been unfailing and whose coming departure we view with sincere regret.

Notes on the Headquarters Staff are concluded with expressions of thanks to Mr. A. S. Mitchell for his valuable work as secretary, and to the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall for the great help he had rendered as President.

After reference to finance, proposed changes from ordinary constitution, and the need for a training camp, the report expresses gratitude to Mr. A. J. Lane, who accepted the post of honorary architect for the Saiwan property.



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with the Girl Guides has shown a
distinct tendency to increase, and
needless to say, in Mrs. Southern
we find every assistance to that
end, ably supported as she is by
her H. Q. Staff. This co-operation
is keenly desired by the Chief
Scout and the Chief Guide and we
are doing our best to follow their
wishes.

As regards Scouting outside the
Colony we were able to welcome
parties of Japanese and Siamese
Scouts passing through. Unfor-
tunately, in China, Scouting still
has a strong political bias which
prevents fraternisation, but recent-
ly a party of Cantonese scouts went
to Japan to study Scout Training,
and we sincerely hope that they will
come back imbued with the right
spirit of scouting so that we can
join hands with our scouting neigh-

bours.
As regards Badge work, unfor-
tunately our Badge Secretary, Mr.
Y. Fenton, had to go to England for
medical reasons, but Scoutmaster
Ip Choi King has ably carried on
that part of the work in addition to
his ordinary duties at Head-
quarters.
The Scout Shop flourishes in a
small way, but is gradually extend-
ing its scope, and it is unusual to
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S.E. ENGLAND ELECTRICITY SCHEME.
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The whole of the material used in the contract placed by the Central Electricity Board with the General Electric Co., Ltd., for one section of the overhead transmission lines, in the south-east of England, will be manufactured in Great Britain.

An official of the company stated that the contract, the value of which was approximately £500,000, would cover the erection of the 132,000 volt line in the district north of the Thames, stretching from Reading on the west to Peterborough on the north, and Ipswich and Colchester on the east. The total mileage of the overhead transmission would be 254 miles, and the total actual length of conductor would be 1,300 miles.

The contract would be carried out by the General Electric Company with the assistance of their associated company, the Pirelli-General Cable Works, Ltd., of Southampton, the latter company carrying out all the actual erection work. The work of erection would take in all three years, and employment would be given in the actual erection work to between 500 and 1,000 men. In addition to that employment would be given to large numbers in the manufacture of the steel towers, steel aluminium conductors insulators, and other accessories. The overhead lines are one section of the system of overhead lines covering the whole of England and Scotland which are being erected by the Central Electricity Board with the object of linking up the main generating stations throughout the country and affording a cheap supply of electric power in all districts.

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LOCAL BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION.

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visit Headquarters without finding someone buying something.

Our quarterly local periodical, the "Silver Wolf" has received special attention in discussion of the Executive Committee. Its value and importance, both as a record of local Scout doings and as propaganda, has been proved many times over, and requests for copies have been received from many distant parts of the globe.

The report concludes with a reference to the enthusiasm displayed by members of the Sea Branch of the Rover Scout Section in vessels of H. M. Navy and the Mercantile Marine.

Commissioner's Speech.

On the proposition of Mr. A. S. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. T. H. King, the report was adopted.

The statement of accounts was presented by Mr. T. N. Chau. The statement was adopted on the proposition of the chairman, seconded by the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow.

Arising out of the accounts, Mr. Wong Kwong-in asked a question referring to the Working Account, asking if a Treasury Grant of \$1,012 was from the Government. The chairman replied it was a grant made to the Association by the Government on the basis of \$2 per head.

The Rev. G. T. Waldegrave then delivered an address. He said:

You have been good enough to adopt our report and to pass our accounts for which I sincerely thank you. By this you have signified your approval of the progress of the scout movement in this Colony and have thereby given the executive officers real encouragement. In past years it has been my misfortune to have to explain why our long hoped for training camp had not materialised, but now I can hold up my head with a certain amount of confidence.

The importance of such a branch of our activities may be shown by the fact that the training schedule has had of late a further addition in the shape of a scheme for training in districts by District Officers as a preliminary to the more advanced course such as those which will be held at Saiwan.

You will, I hope, bear with me while I briefly recapitulate the system of training adopted. It consists of three parts, part one being a sort of correspondence course exam, part two, a period of intensive training by means of which practical demonstrations and lectures for a period of 12 consecutive days or the equivalent in week-ends, and part three a six-months' period of probation during which the effect of the practical training on the scoutmaster and his troop is observed. Anyone passing all three is given the Wood Badge and becomes automatically a scout of the 1st. Gilwell Park Troop which has members all the world over.

Saiwan is for the holding of part two, and I can assure you that if we approach anywhere near the standard required by Gilwell we shall be doing well. The value of the practical course lies in the fact that by the methods adopted old age recovers its youth and learns again to see through the eyes of boyhood, an essential quality in those who aim at the successful training of the young.

But at Gilwell there is also another very wonderful feature, the week-end camping ground for London scouts. Each week-end in the warmer weather boys descend on the park in their hundreds to spend the week-end under canvas. Saturday evening finds Gilwell teeming with scouts who cement their

brotherhood round the camp fire at singings at night and the "Scouts' Own" religious services on Sundays. That is the sort of thing we want to develop here. Just as the London boys get a breath of real fresh air away from the crowded streets and smokey alleys, so we hope that Hongkong boys will be able regularly, with the minimum of trouble and expense, to get away each week-end from the hot, stuffy streets and flats, and thus find health for mind and body. Tents will be stored there and other commodities, and though camping as now will go on all over the Colony, for those who cannot afford time or money for a long period under canvas, Saiwan will always be available.

Two Districts.

The acquisition of Saiwan has, however, another effect on this Association. Previously I, for one, was strongly of the opinion that it would be a pity to split up the Colony into separate District Associations, but with Saiwan as the connecting link we can take a step from which I have hitherto shrunk, and in order to further our policy of decentralisation so as to free the Colony's scout Headquarters Staff from much petty detail work for special attention to the bigger parts of scouting, the executive committee (with the scheme of the district training also in view) have decided to recommend to the council the formation of two districts in the Colony, Hongkong as the Southern District and Kowloon as the Northern District. This will take place as soon as the necessary officers can be found. The present council and executive committee will remain as before but will be the chief link constitutionally between the District Associations, and it is suggested that in order to avoid overlapping in the way of raising finance, the Colony Council should keep this under its wing, making grants to such districts as required. There will be no need for headquarters in Kowloon, and the sole expenses in the ordinary course will be the district secretary's for stationery, postage and so forth, while there will be less expense for the scoutmasters and scouts in having to cross the harbour for examinations, scoutmasters' meetings and similar functions, while each district will be represented on the council. Our present headquarters and shop will remain the scout business centre for the Colony.

With such benefits arising from the acquisition of Saiwan, and with such advances possible, we have no hesitation in making a strong appeal for funds for Saiwan. I may say I hope that all bona fide scouts, Chinese, Japanese and foreign will be able to benefit from Saiwan and also I should like to point out that there is, in scouting, no class, racial or religious discrimination.

We aim at \$50,000 in order to equip the place thoroughly and to endow it, and at least \$20,000 is needed as soon as possible to pay off the mortgage and to deal with immediate necessities. We have already had a generous gift of \$1,000 and another of £10 sterling from Japanese scouts passing through, and only this afternoon a gift of \$10 from a parent whose son at home in England is nobly practising his scout ideals under very difficult circumstances.

But I am really charged now with the pleasant task of proposing the following names for respective offices:

President: Dr. R. H. Kotewall, LL.D. Vice-President: Mr. E. Cock, M.B.E., Members of Council:—Lt. Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Mr. G. W. C. Burnett, Mr. B. Wyllie, Messrs. C. Champkin, T. N. Chau, C. G. H. Christian, R. M. Dyer, A. S. Mitchell, Ng Sze-kwong, E. Ralphs, W. H. Smith, P. Talati, Wong Kwong-in, Hon. W. E. L.



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The election of these nominees concluded the business of the meeting.

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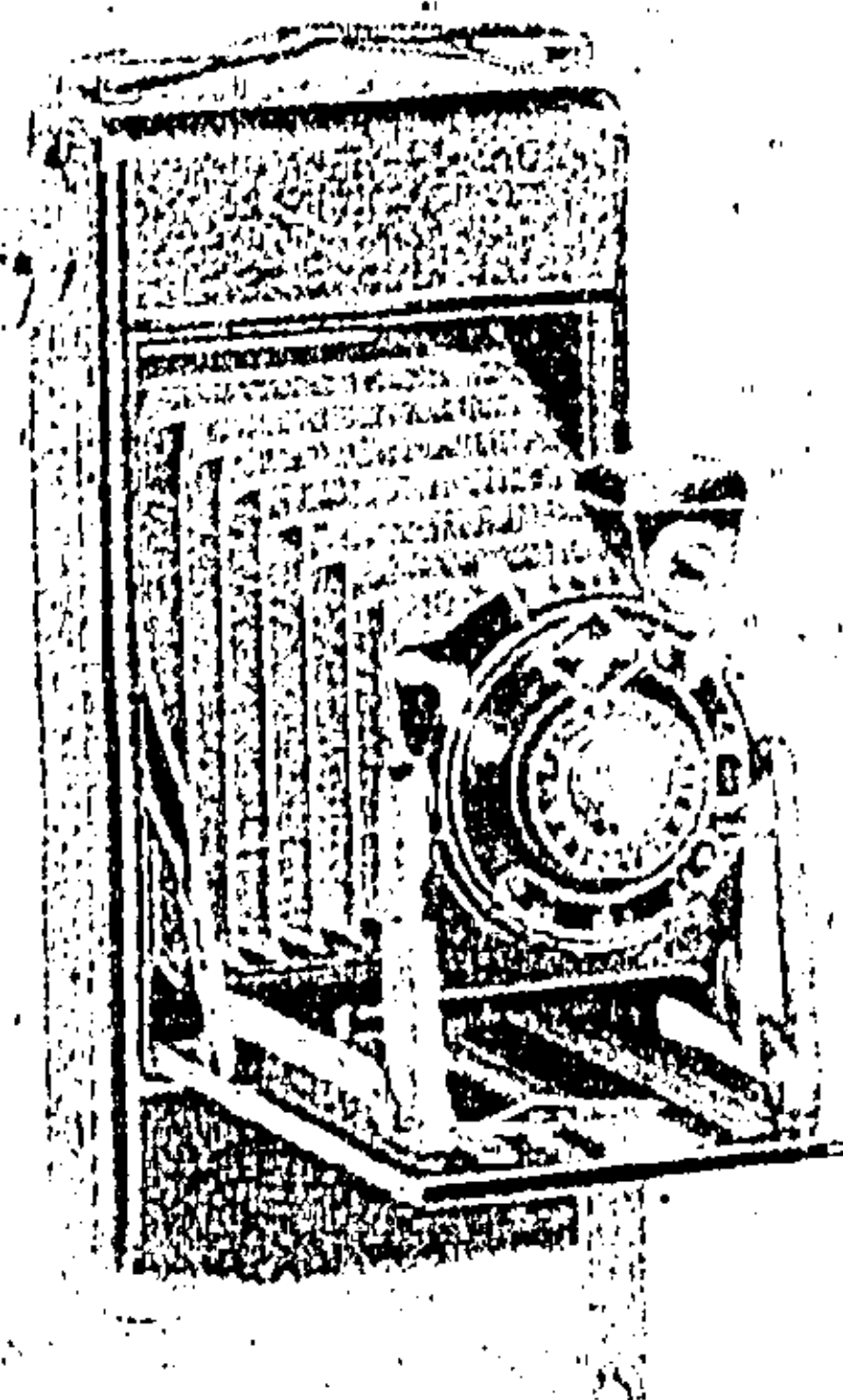
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GARRISON NEWS.

MATCHES IN THE SOCCER
LEAGUES.

In the Hongkong Area Football
League yesterday afternoon, the
League suffered the worst defeat of
the season, losing by nine goals to
nil against "A" Coy., K.O.S.B.
Teams:
"A" Coy., K.O.S.B.—Gollan; Mar-
tin; Bird; McCaskell; Gilburn,
Crocock; Cox, Ellis, Malcolm, Rico.
Solley.

R. A. M. C.—McGowan; Dodson,
Joyce; McGuire, McAusland, Thomas;
Elliot, Jenkins, Gosling, Devlin,
Evans.

Within the first two minutes, Cox
opened the scoring for the Borderers,
beating McGowan from 25 yards out
with an oblique shot. Some further
pressure by the Borderers, and Mal-
colm netted after beating three of the
Medicals' defence, and Rico scored
again shortly afterwards after pass-
ing the backs and lifting the ball over
McGowan's head.

McGowan came out to clear a
minute or so later, and Ellis scored
from a dropped ball. Just before the
interval, Solley forced a corner, and
Ellis got a good goal from the result-
ant flag-kick.

A raid commenced by Solley run-
ning down on the wing gave Solley a
shot which was tipped over the bar
by McGowan, but Cox scored from the
corner-kick. Play was more or less
centred in the Medicals' half, and
chiefly in front of goal, and Cox got
his hat-trick to provide the seventh
goal for his side. Ellis got the eighth
from a penalty-kick, and Malcolm
made his own hat-trick, and the ninth
goal, just before full-time.

Navy Matches.

In a China Fleet Football League
Match at Happy Valley yesterday
afternoon, H.M.S. Sepoy defeated
H.M.S. Herald by three goals to one.

Teams:
Sepoy.—Jarrett; Farnell, Oakden;
Williams, Bryden, Wells; Hudson,
MacIntosh, Woodley, Coates, Curth-
less.

Herald.—Lewis; Bagwell, Hocking;
Pike, Mairwood, Beer; Towndrow,
Mills, Hiley, Petten, Williams.
The Sepoy had the better of the ex-
changes on kicking off, although the
Herald got their only goal soon after
the commencement. Hiley cutting
through and making the point.
Sepoy had most of the play after-
wards, and kept up their pressure,
though their display in front of goal
was very weak. At last they manag-
ed to score, Lewis diverting a shot by

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The following are selected to play
for University 2nd XI in a friendly
match against the K.C.C. on Saturday,
21st December, at 2 p.m. sharp
on University ground:

A. A. Aziz (Capt.), A. Chan Fook,
K. T. Loke, A. B. Suleman, G. E.
Yeoh, H. E. M. Adams, C. Candah,
P. L. Tan, Walter Hunt, S. Otani and
R. Leong. Scorer—M. Yehvaboy.

H.K.C.C. Match.

Members of the H.K.C.C. will meet
in a match on the Club ground next
Saturday, the teams being as follow:

Over 30.—T. E. Pearce (Capt.),
W. W. Mackenzie, E. J. R. Mitchell,
G. F. Sillitoe, E. R. Duckitt, R. K.
Hepburn, R. C. Strachey, A. Reid,
S. J. Jordan, H. R. Remington, J.
R. Collis.

Under 30.—A. C. I. Bowker (Capt.),
J. R. Hinton, A. C. Beck, G. P.
Lammert, G. E. R. Divett, H. V.
Parker, H. J. Armstrong, O. M.
O. E. C. Marton, W. Hanis Walker,
J. H. Ashworth.

Williams into the net, in attempting
to save.

On resuming after the interval,
Sepoy were soon hammering at the
Herald's gates, and were rewarded by
Hudson, who beat Lewis with an
awkward ground shot. Woodley got
past the Herald back in the next
minute and scored the Sepoy's third
goal. End-to-end play was the order
for the remainder of the game, with
Sepoy holding on to their lead, and
Herald endeavouring to reduce it.

Another match in the same League,
also at Happy Valley yesterday after-
noon, ended in a draw between H.M.S.
Magnolia and H.M.S. Ironquels.

Teams:
Magnolia.—Oliver; Tegg, Smith;
Elsegood, Mellett, Blake; Lowden,
Rose, Thorp, Semple, Strange.
Ironquels.—Wyatt; Nobes, Hanson;
Evans, Watson, Curtis, Wade, Allsopp,
Fell, Brough, Northfield.

A penalty-kick to Magnolia was the
first score, Strange getting past
Wyatt for the Magnolia, though
Evans equalised shortly afterwards
for Ironquels. Exchanges were keenly
contested for the remainder of the
game, the defence on both sides being
much above the standard of the for-
ward play. Magnolia had, if anything,
the better of the game, but were un-
able to add to their score, with Thorp
always seeming dangerous when in
front of goal.

SERVICES BOXING.

THE SOMERSETS DRAW WITH
HERMES.

A very clean exhibition of boxing
was seen at Hankow Barracks last
night, when teams from H.M.S.
Hermes and the Somerset Light In-
fantry met to decide the issue between
the two units. A very large audience
of officers and men from both sides
saw the contests, which were of the
highest standard.

One of the surprises of the tourna-
ment was the defeat by a knockout in
the first round of Pte. Morris, the
S.L.I. heavyweight, by Marine Smith.
The blow which finished Morris came
very swiftly and accurately, just
when the S.L.I. were commencing to
think that their champion was going
to score a victory.

Rain interfered with the early
stages of the tournament to the effect
of rendering the ring floor extremely
slippery, but as the evening progress-
ed this difficulty was overcome and
the fighters had a better chance.

After the ten contests had been
decided it was found that the S.L.I.
and the warship had won five contests
each. Results were as follow:

Welter.—A. B. Trimmings
(Hermes) beat L/C. Woodhouse on
points.

Feather.—Pte. Pearce (S.L.I.) beat
Stoker Holland (Hermes) on points.

Heavy.—Marine Smith (Hermes)
beat Pte. Morris, knockout.

Welter.—Pte. Jones (S.L.I.) beat
A. B. Turner on points.

Middle.—Marine Woolford beat Pte.
Bauch on points.

Lightweight.—Cpl. Sheraton (S.L.I.)
beat C. S. Scott on points.

Welter.—Pte. Summerfield beat A.
B. Newland on points.

Feather.—A. B. Rawlings beat Pte.
Paddock on points.

Heavy.—A. B. Swan beat L/Sgt.
Ganey on points.

Lightweight.—L/Cpl. Adams beat
Telegraphist Sears on points.

The contest proved a draw, after
which prizes were presented by Mr.
R. M. Dyer. In a brief speech, Lt.
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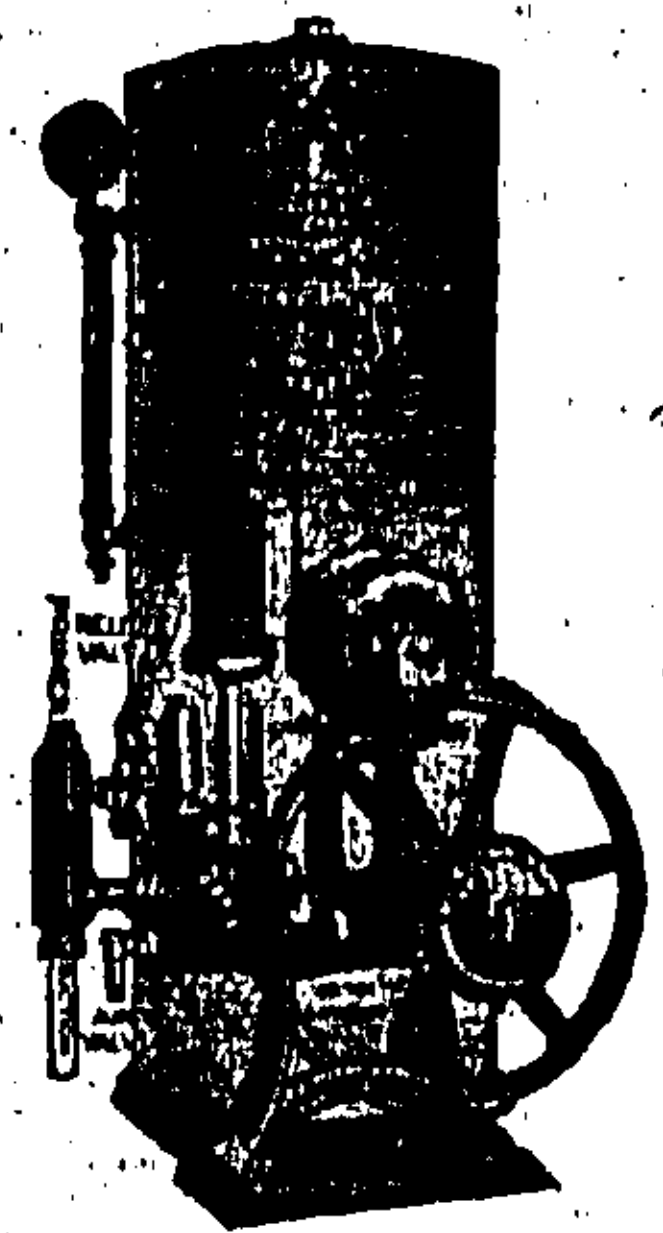
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The Avenging Parrot

by Anne Clouston

CHAPTER XXII.

It was 2 o'clock—just after the big Sunday dinner for which few of the Rhodes House boarders had any appetite—when Lieutenant Strawn sought out Bonnie Dundee in his little third-floor room.

"Well, boy, he greeted his newest associate cheerfully. "She's locked up. She'll get a hearing in the morning, and I suppose they'll grant her bail. I'll make a plea in her behalf myself, if it's necessary, but I've already had a talk with Sherwood, the district attorney, and I think it'll be all right, if she can get anyone to go on her bail."

"It seems ghastly unjust to me," Bonnie Dundee began violently. "That a woman who has done everything in her power to speed justice should be clapped into jail as a material witness?"

"Oh, she'll get out on bail. When I left the jail, she was having the warden telephoned to Hartman, manager of the Little Queen," Strawn assured him easily. "So you think she was telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, boy?"

"I certainly do!" Dundee answered vehemently. "Any woman who would tell her right age, when it hurt as badly as it hurt Cora Barker, would not stick at telling the whole truth about anything else under the sun. . . . By the way, chief, have you heard anything on those food analyses?"

"No poison in 'em," Strawn grinned, as he sat down heavily on Bonnie's bed. "Didn't think there would be. And Curraway says none of the fingerprints he found in the room match up with Dowd's or Magnus's. So you see the trail keeps leading right back to Sevier."

"Of whom we have no fingerprints," Dundee reminded him softly. "Oh, maybe you're right, chief, and Sevier is our man, but . . ."

"If you croak 'Bad penny' at me again, I'll brain you," Strawn threatened with a grin. "By the way, in my car going down to headquarters, Cora told me how she got out of the room. She didn't leave by the door—crawled out of Mrs. Hogarth's window, then through her own window. But before she left she took her handkerchief and wiped off any fingerprints she might have made on the window sill. Quick thinker, that dame! Of course she destroyed Sevier's fingerprints at the same time, if he left any. Curraway is sure, though, that he used gloves. She told me something else, too. Said that while she was on the porch going to her room, she heard a slight noise at the west end of the porch, by the rose trellis."

"I'm not surprised," Dundee admitted, with queer reluctance. "I had a look at the rose trellis while you were gone, and someone has been climbing it, all right. One of the little green slats was freshly broken, and a branch of the climbing roses was torn off the trellis."

"Good work!" Strawn commended him heartily. "I guess all we need now to convict little Emil is—Emil himself! Wonder where the devil he's hiding? Looks like he simply melted away in last night's confounded heat."

"Have you checked Dusty's alibi?" Dundee remembered to ask.

"Oh, yes. Of course that whole lousy outfit could be lying, but they've given him an ironclad alibi all right. He was playing pool there, behind the speakeasy bar, until 11.30. Then he started in to drink in a serious way, and never left the joint till my men found him and brought him in—dead to the world. . . . And what did you find out about Tilda Brown, the chambermaid?"

"She came in at 2 o'clock this morning, in a flivver, with three other whoopee-makers," Dundee answered. "Wilkins, who's on duty again, told me he talked with the whole bunch, then let Tilda go to her room. They'd been together all evening at a dance at some cheap little roadhouse 20 miles out in the country."

"Well, guess that clears us up," Strawn yawned. "Sorry, for your sake, boy, that there's not a 'D' among the whole lot. Maybe he'll turn up yet, and make a claim for the old lady's estate. Fat lot of good it will do him, eh?" he chuckled. "She sure put it over this bunch, didn't she? Leading the boarders a dance for three or four years."

"But for once it was the piper who paid," Dundee reminded him gravely. "She has certainly paid for her fun. . . . And now what, chief?"

"I'm going to chuck everything belonging to the old lady into her trunk, lock it, and take it down to headquarters for safe keeping. Down there, I can take my time looking over her papers and things for any clues to her past—relatives who ought to be notified, and so on. Her will must be among them somewhere, and your little Miss Paige will inherit—a bunch of old

clothes about 10 times too big for her."

Dundee flushed at that "your little Miss Paige," but said nothing. "You can stick around here, if you like, Bonnie," Strawn went on, addressing the boy affectionately by his nickname, for the first time. "Keep your eye peeled, and your ears open, but personally I think the case is about closed."

"Well—I don't," Dundee retorted, but the words were spoken to himself alone, after the door had closed behind his complacent chief.

Suddenly he remembered something, and sprang to the door, in time to halt Strawn before he reached the stairway. When the detective lieutenant was back in the room Dundee asked:

"Sorry, chief, but did you check up on Daisy Shepherd's midnight long distance call?"

"Oh, sure! Matter of routine. The call came from a drug store coin box in Chicago, so we don't know who was calling our Daisy. Why?"

"Well, Daisy insisted on leaving today. Said she'd 'go nuts' if she stayed on here. I thought that was a little queer, in view of the fact that she claimed she'd fallen asleep while waiting to be questioned this morning," Dundee answered.

"Where did she go? I'll have a dick trail her for a couple of days, until the inquest is over—not that there's any real need," Strawn answered good-humouredly.

"She said she was going to the Curtis Hotel until she could find another good boarding house. . . . By the way, when will the inquest be held?"

"I talked with Sherwood about that to-day. He's in favour of holding it off till Wednesday, unless we can catch Sevier before then. Otherwise—that is, if we drag him in today or tomorrow, the inquest will be held Tuesday. I'm depending on you to keep this bunch in the corral here until after the inquest, anyway."

With a grin, Dundee told him of the successful speech he had made at the breakfast table that morning—successful in holding all boarders except Daisy Shepherd.

"Which makes you the, fair-haired boy with Mrs. Rhodes, I guess," Strawn chuckled. "She'll be offering you board free if you don't watch out. Well, so long again! You're a good boy, Bonnie, even if you have not fancy ideas."

When he felt sure that Strawn had finished his work in Mrs. Hogarth's room and had departed with her trunk, Dundee wandered down to the second floor, rather aimlessly. What he really wanted to do was to take a long, cooling drive with Norma Paige, but he had no car, and no claims at all upon another man's sweetheart's time.

"Hello, Dundee! Feel like paying a call?" a cheerful voice hailed him as he turned toward the stairs.

It was Walter Styles, standing in the door of his own room near the end of the hall.

"Thanks. I am feeling rather at loose ends," Dundee replied gratefully, as he joined Styles. And he wondered what Styles could want with him.

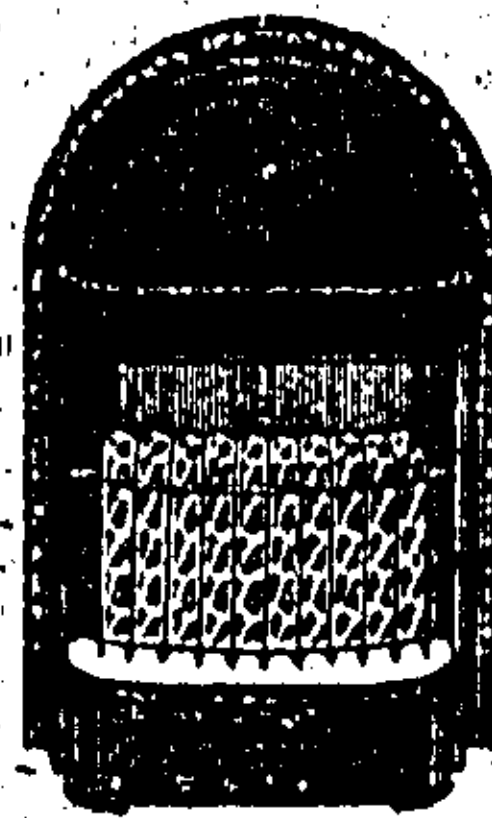
Nothing, apparently, for the young haberdashery proprietor seemed to have no deeper designs upon the new boarder than to engage him in conversation. They talked about the murder, of course, and of Cora Barker's arrest as a material witness, Dundee guarding his own speech carefully so as not to betray his official connexion with the case. And as they talked Styles went on with the work on which he had been engaged before he hailed Dundee.

"I'm afraid I'm worse than any girl in the house—about breaking the rule which says 'Positively no washing in rooms or bathrooms,'" Styles laughed, as he soused a pair of grey silk socks in his stationary basin. "But I have the same excuse as the girls. I actually haven't the money to spare to get all my laundry done outside. Believe me, Dundee, I've become an expert on cleaning, pressing, and light laundry. About the only things I can't manage myself are my shirts and pyjamas."

"What do you use for taking out spots?" Dundee asked, with idle interest, his eyes roving about the pleasant little bedroom. On a chairback, protected by a towel, hung three pairs of socks. On a line strung between the dresser and the bed post hung other garments—washable ties, handkerchiefs, even a pair of white duck trousers, and, at the very end, a pair of grey suede gloves.

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you'll excuse me I'll dress, now that my womanish work is over for the day. I'm going to take Norma for a walk, and to a movie, too, if she'll consent to go. Poor girl! This terrible business has hit her harder than any of us. She was really crazy about that queer old woman. I liked her myself, in spite of—well, a lot of things," he added evasively, not having the slightest suspicion that Dundee had overheard both his and Norma Paige's story to Strawn.

As Dundee closed Styles' door behind him, he became aware of the slow tapping of Bert Magnus' typewriter.

"Well," he grinned as he knocked, "he can't do more than kick me out. . . . Gloves. . . . Gloves! In this kind of weather!" he added to himself very thoughtfully, but the words did not refer to Bert Magnus, who was opening the door to him grudgingly.

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"I think it is desirable the police should follow out their powers exactly. If they give evidence of arrest, it should be evidence of a proper arrest," observed Mr. Justice Wood at the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon, after perusing a warrant under which Sgt. Fitches arrested the accused man, Ho Kai-shing. He denied a charge of taking part, with others unknown, in a robbery at No. 108, Des Voeux Road West, and robbing Cheung Mo-sheung of \$2,000 worth of jewellery and \$200 in Hongkong bank notes on May 30, 1929.

Sgt. Fitches gave evidence of arresting accused under a warrant. His Lordship read the warrant and remarked that Sgt. Fitches had no power to arrest, accused under that warrant, which was for arms.

Witness said he did not find any arms.

His Lordship:—Why did you arrest him?—I was ordered to arrest him.

Who ordered you to arrest him?—My superior officer.

Who was that, Inspector Fallon?

Yes.

His Lordship, addressing Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, prosecuting counsel for the Crown, said there was no power to arrest accused under the warrant.

Counsel, after reading the warrant, agreed and said he had not read it before. He concurred with his Lordship, however, as there could be no two opinions about it.

In explaining the case for the Crown, Mr. Fitzroy said that about five robbers appeared on the premises at about five o'clock on the morning of May 30 and bound and gagged the occupants. The robbers stole the jewellery mentioned in the charge from a box owned by the complainant. After they had left the money was also found to be missing.

Accused Identified.

Counsel continued it was not until October 28 that Cheung Mo-

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sheung attended an identification parade and picked out accused who was arrested on October 26.

After remarking that none of the property had been recovered, counsel said that when charged at the Police Station, accused said "I took no part in the robbery." Before the Magistrate he made a statement in which he denied complicity. He explained however he knew all about it because he knew four men who committed the robbery and they told him all about it afterwards.

He gave the names of the men, and further stated that he returned from Canton after the robbery had been committed.

Cheung Mo-sheung said, that she saw four men leave the premises together and accused was one of them. She recognised him 100 per cent. by his features and not by anything in particular.

Witness's "Agony."

When asked by Mr. Fitzroy to have a good look at the man in the dock and identify him, witness refused to do so saying, "I feel in such agony when I cast my eyes on him that I don't want to see him at all."

Witness, however, under persuasion, took a rapid survey of accused, and re-affirmed her identification, saying definitely that she had not made a mistake.

Wong Choy-yau stated that she saw accused standing outside a cubicle. "I had only a glimpse of him," she said "and I am not sure if he is the man. I cannot recognise him very well."

Mr. T. Murphy, A.S.P., gave formal evidence of the identification

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The opinion is expressed that the Chinese acquisition of control of foreign shipping is unworkable, because in the face of unwillingness by foreign interests to sell out, the Chinese would be compelled to reorganise the required shipping themselves, and this would take many years to accomplish.—Reuter.

Replying to his Lordship, witness said it was true that previous parades had been held in connection with the robbery, and at one earlier parade, Cheung Mo-sheung had in fact picked out a man as one of the robbers who was known to be innocent.

Mr. Fitzroy then read accused's story as told to the Magistrate, in the course of which he said he was told that each of the robbers received \$105 as their share of the proceeds and invited him (accused) to a feast in a Chinese restaurant.

Accused Discharged.

Asked if he had anything to say, accused denied he committed the robbery and said that he had been wrongfully identified.

In his summing-up, his Lordship analysed the evidence of identification as given by Cheung Mo-sheung, pointing out that it was one of the principal supports of the Crown case.

After a short retirement, the jury brought in a verdict of "not guilty" and accused was discharged.

His Lordship expressed his agreement with the verdict, saying he thought it was in accordance with the weight of the evidence.

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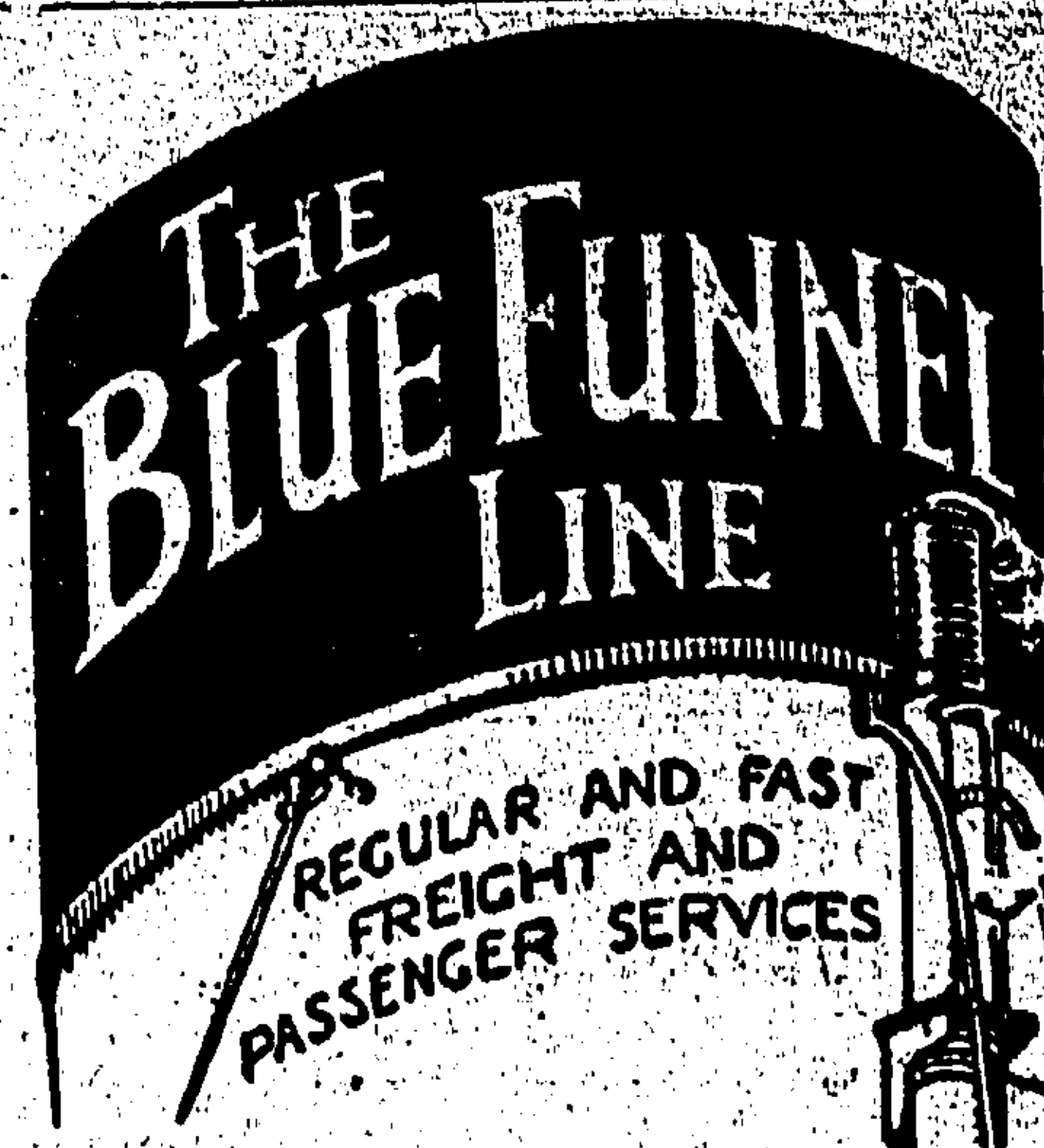
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EMPRESS OF JAPAN.

DETAILS OF NEW C.P.R. LINER.

London, Dec. 18.

A three-funnelled, twin-screw oil burner, of 25,000 tons, with a passenger capacity of 604, the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Japan, has been launched at Glasgow.

It will be the largest and fastest liner regularly plying the Pacific Ocean.

Far cry though it may seem from the "magic carpet" of the Arabian Nights to the grim struggles of modern commerce, events on the Pacific Ocean are daily emphasizing the close relation that exists between the two. The solution to the paradox lies in the most important cargo carried between the mysterious, scented East and the workaday, silk-clothed West.

Few wearers of shimmering silk stockings—and who doesn't wear them these days!—realize that they provide: travellers to and from the Orient with fast, luxurious ships or that their tastes are responsible for yet another example of Canadian enterprise in the realm of transportation.

Perhaps the modern "magic carpet" is really more wonderful than any figment of the fruitful imagination of Sherazade. And "magic carpet" it is, for never a traveller leaves Hongkong, Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe or Yokohama without, literally, travelling on a magic carpet of silk. And so great, of recent years, has become the consumption of that delicate but durable thread that the Pacific Ocean has become the scene of very keen competition in the shipping world.

For years now Canada has held a leading place on the Pacific with a fleet of White Empresses to which will be added next year a 25,000 ton twin-screw steamer that will be the fastest and largest liner serving in that part of the world. And forty years ago the Dominion owned not one trans-Pacific ship.

Forty Years Ago.

Canada's interest in the carrying trade on the Pacific dates back to July 1889 when a mail contract was awarded to the Canadian Pacific and the first three "White Empresses" of the Empress of China, Empress of India and Empress of Japan were built and commissioned. As time went on these ships built up a considerable silk trade and because of their high speed and rail connections in Canada, became the favourites.

It was inconceivable, of course, with the steady growth of trade between Canada and the United States with the Orient that competition should not become keen and before these early ships became obsolete, in conformity with the already established practice of the Canadian Pacific—they were replaced by better and faster ships. Alert and aggressive competitors made and are making strong bids for a greater share of the lucrative business and Canada has met the challenge.

The most recent new Empress on the Pacific is the Empress of Canada, built in Glasgow in 1922. Immediately she entered the service, this cruiser-like vessel started to break records. After only six years service it was decided by the Company to recall the "Canada" and refit her with engines similar in design to those successfully tested on the "Duchesses" in the Atlantic service and the ship has now a sea-speed of 21 knots, a speed that will only be equalled on the Pacific by the magnificent new liner now on the stocks on the Clyde.

The New Boat.

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MINING EXPLOSION.

SIXTY-TWO MEN KILLED IN AMERICAN DISASTER.

New York, Dec. 17.

A message from McAlester (Oklahoma) states that 62 miners were killed as the result of an explosion in a coal mine at North McAlester.

Hitherto twenty-three bodies, mostly badly mangled, have been recovered from the mine.

The miners were mostly Mexicans and Negroes. Three Mexican miners had a miraculous escape. They were found alive, but injured. Some men appear to have run long distances frantically attempting to escape the fumes and gas, and this made rescue work difficult. Eleven rescue parties are taking turns in donning gas masks and entering the mine.

newly-inaugurated port—for the Canadian Pacific ships—of Honolulu and complete her voyage from Vancouver within the limits of the fastest record yet made for the non-stop run.

In addition to large cargo space and a carefully planned series of silk rooms—silk, according to the builders, is evidently too aristocratic a freight to be stowed in holds—there will be seven passenger decks on the Empress of Japan.

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Another feature in which the Empress of Japan will depart from standard practice will be the fact that all 1st Class bedrooms will be "outside" rooms with portholes that can be opened for fresh air and that in the same rooms beds, not berths, will be fitted. In addition to the outer, fourteen rooms will have private bath and toilet attached and more than thirty will have their own private bath and shower.

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A night of terror followed a demonstration yesterday evening near the city hall, where the Municipality were discussing the question of Christmas relief of unemployed.

Police used their revolvers and dispersed the demonstrators, but rioting continued all night long. Mobs smashed shop windows and tried to loot the shops. Stones and other missiles were hurled at the police from the street, from windows and from the roofs. Many police, onlookers and rioters were injured. Thirty arrests were effected. Meanwhile a stormy meeting of the City Council granted a million marks as special relief. All was quiet this morning.

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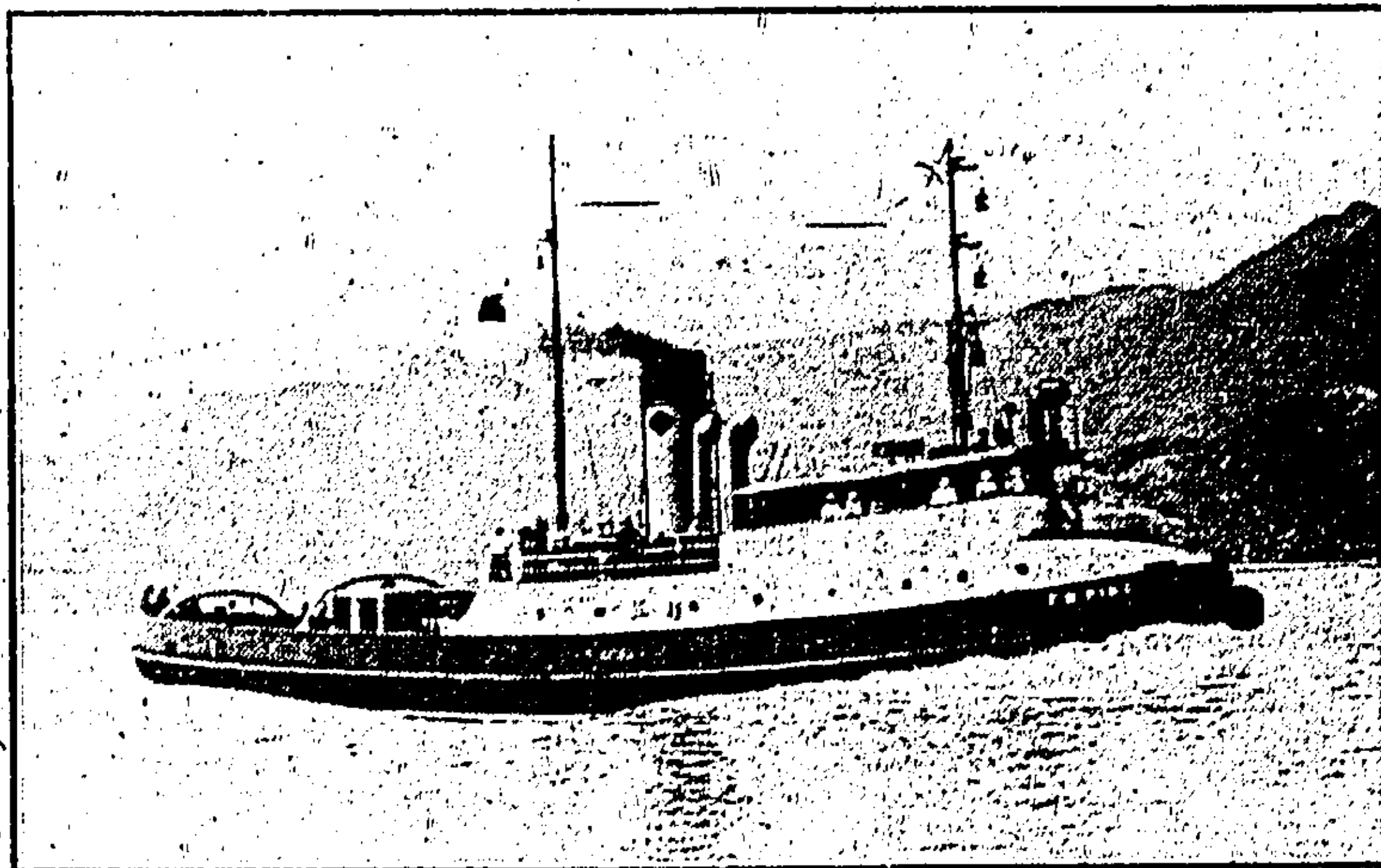
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TALMA	10,000	28th Jan.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta
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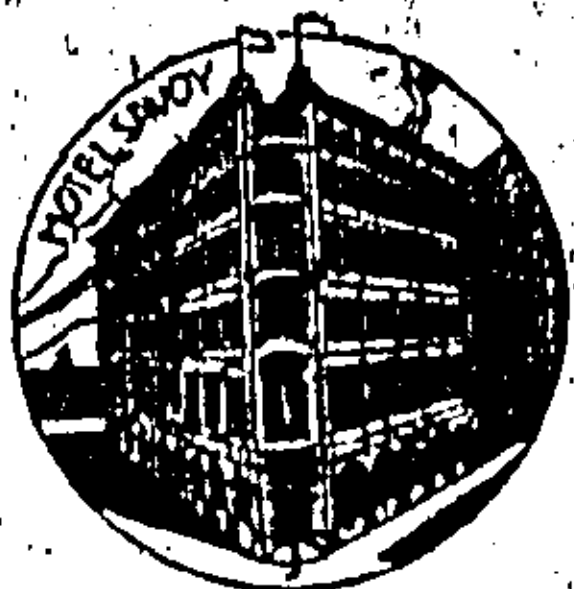
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WUCHOW EVACUATION
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CANTONESE ASKED TO TAKE
OVER CITY.

CONDITIONS QUIET.

The Kwangsi rebels are making a rapid retreat in face of pressure from the Cantonese forces, a naval wireless message received in Hongkong this morning indicating that they have evacuated Wuchow, the Nationalists being asked to take over the city. The situation in Wuchow is quiet.

Canton, Dec. 18. The Cantonese are pressing on the Kwangsi rebels in the West River district. They are already reported to be in occupation of Shih Hing and advancing up river towards Wuchow, which is expected to fall to them before long. West River shipping is still held up and a number of merchant vessels have been lying idle in Canton for the last three weeks. Cargo from the interior is not coming through, but it is hoped that another week will see trade resumed as usual.

On the West River, the Cantonese forces are largely aided by their fleet, not only the Cantonese gunboats, but also the warships which came down from the North under the Command of Admiral Tsang Yih-tung.

Useful Help.

Although they were not able to be of very great assistance in the North River fighting, they were extremely useful in patrolling the waters of Canton and keeping law and order in the neighbourhood whilst the troops were away in the fighting area. Now in the West River district they are able to be of a more practical use in the actual attacking and fighting.

The Air Force is also still rendering active help, and numbers of aeroplanes fly over the West River District bombing and reconnoitring every day.

In Canton there is no change in the situation, which is now practically restored to normal. A number of buses and motor cars for hire have reappeared on the streets and look little the worse for wear.—Our Own Correspondent.

British Reports.

London, Dec. 18. According to reports received in London, the situation in China continues to improve.

In the South, the Cantonese forces are advancing up the West River and the resumption of normal traffic is expected shortly. The British gunboat at Wuchow reports that no molestation of foreigners has occurred, but she will remain until the Canton occupation is completed.—British Wireless.

Rebel Regiment Disarmed.

The Canton News Agency reports as follows on the operations:

A regiment of Kwangsi insurgents was surrounded and disarmed on the 15th, at Kiangchow, within the jurisdiction of Szewui, by General Heung of the 62nd Division. The prisoners with rifles numbering 1,000 were sent to the Canton Headquarters for disposal. Szewui city was recaptured on Tuesday by General Heung who put to rout the entire division under General Hsu Chung-wu of the Kwangsi clique, according to military report.

General Choi Ting-kai, of the 60th Division, captured on the 16th inst. at Kwongli three cannon, four machine-guns and several hundred rifles from the enemy, after a severe engagement, which lasted for one hour.

The troops under the Kwangsi General Liang Chao-chi have retreated from Kwangching to Wai-tap, via Ngau-tsai, while the Kwangsi troops on the West River have evacuated Tai-tong, Shek-kok, Lu-pau, Kwong-li and Hau-lik and appear to be moving back to Wuchow.

Gunboats at Takling.

The Canton gunboats reached Takling last night, and the air forces will now fly to the front to bomb the enemy.

The 3rd and 8th Divisions under General Chu Shao-liang are now stationed at Pa-kong.

The present military prospects, according to official circles, point to the expulsion of the enemy from Kwangtung within a week.

**FRENCH FLIGHT TO
SAIGON.**

LE BRIX ARRIVES AND
LEAVES BASRA.

Paris, Dec. 18.

It is learned that Captain Le Brix landed at Basra to-day and took off again for Saigon in the evening.—Reuter.

BRITISH GOODWILL IN INDIA.

INTERESTING DEBATE IN
HOUSE OF COMMONS.

NEW SPIRIT ABROAD.

London, Dec. 18. The House of Commons to-night debated the political situation in India on the motion of Mr. Fenner Brockway (Lab., Leyton) welcoming the co-operation of Indians in the settlement of the constitutional question and relying on the Government of India to encourage goodwill by sympathetic administration.

The speakers dwelt on the improved outlook, and Labour Members urged consideration of the cases of all political prisoners.

Mr. Wedgwood Benn, the Secretary of State for India, said regarding the proposals, that a new spirit was abroad in India. We were closing a painful chapter and on the general position, we were all working to one definite goal. We were moving towards uniform goodwill in India.

The Viceroy considered the re-enactment of the Public Safety Ordinance unnecessary. Mr. Wedgwood Benn maintained that in a number of ways Dominion Status already operated and that India was proceeding rapidly to the fulfillment.

The round-table conference proposed would be fully representative and open to all. It was not intended as a sop to Indian opinion, but to bring the light of Indian opinion to bear upon the situation and to help us in the solution of the difficulties. We were entering upon a new era which might be the greatest in the history of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

The motion was adopted.—Reuter.

HARVEY AND HOOD FIGHT DRAW.

MAGNIFICENT DEFENCE BY
WELTER CHAMPION.

AGAINST LONG ODDS.

London, Dec. 18. At Olympia to-night, in a fifteen rounds contest for the British middleweight championship, Jack Hood, of Birmingham, fought a draw with Len Harvey, the holder. It was a splendid fight from start to finish.

The plucky welter-weight champion, Jack Hood, conceded seven pounds to the middle-weight champion, and he fought wonderfully taking all things into consideration. Nevertheless, the decision was generally regarded as inclined to be generous to Hood.

Against a strong hard-punching opponent, who had a distinct advantage in reach and height, as well as weight, Hood aroused the enthusiasm of the audience at Olympia, which was packed, by the skill of his defence.

He parried many of Harvey's blows. Harvey was reduced to scoring with half-arm body punches in clinches.

Hood's left eye was cut in the first round, and his right eye was cut in the sixth. But he carried on magnificently and finished the fight man of the two.

The boxer met previously on October 21, when Harvey defeated Hood. The decision was not then regarded as altogether fair to the loser.—Reuter.

CAPE TOWN FLIGHT DISASTER.

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owing to shortage of petrol, they had covered over 4,000 miles in direct line of flight.

The attempt failed largely because the airmen on that occasion encountered stiff headwinds in the Persian Gulf which reduced their normal flying speed by nearly one half.

After the machine was returned to England, special alterations were made as a result of the experience gained in the India flight, and it was confidently anticipated that the plane would justify her designers and reach Cap. Town without a stop.

It is, of course, much too early to suggest a reason for the crash near Tunis.

HAGUE CONFERENCE.

INTERNATIONAL JURISTS
TO MEET.

London, Dec. 18. It has been agreed that before the Hague Conference, to be assembled on January 6th there shall be a meeting on January 3rd, of jurists representing the Powers engaged in the Conference.—British Wireless.

NATIVE RIOTS IN NIGERIA.

WOMEN SHOT DOWN BY
THE POLICE.

BASELESS FEAR OF A TAX
ON WOMEN.

GOVERNOR'S REPORTS.

London, Dec. 18. Serious native unrest in the south-east of Nigeria is causing anxiety, though it is believed that following the enforced shooting at rioters and the arrival of police reinforcements, the situation is in control. The Colonial Office states that the disturbances occurred in the Provinces of Owerri, Ogoja and Calabar.

In the House of Commons, a statement of the trouble was made by Dr. Shields, the Under-Secretary of State for India.

Baseless Rumour.

According to the scanty information received, he said, the cause of the disturbances was the new assessment which involved the counting of women in certain districts. This gave rise to a wholly unfounded rumour that it was intended to impose direct taxation on women. The recent lowering of the prices paid by merchants for native produce was a further contributing factor.

On 11th December, large crowds assembled and despite police assurances that there was no intention of taxing women, proceeded to loot and destroy property at various places in the neighbourhood of Aba and Opobo.

Eighteen Women Shot.

Additional police were brought in to deal with the situation and were reinforced by detachments of the Royal West African Frontier Force.

On the 16th December, the Governor reported that there were sufficient troops and police on the spot to deal with the situation.

On the 16th, he reported that it had been necessary to introduce additional troops and police.

This action was due to the fact that rioters had attacked officials at Opobo.

It had been necessary for the police to fire, causing 18 casualties, which, the Governor regretted to say, were all women. It was not stated how many were fatal.

The districts in question were a long way from headquarters and the people were still largely in a primitive condition.

It would probably be some time before the situation became quite clear.

Telegraphing last night, the Governor reported that the situation round Aba was now satisfactory and that every effort was being made to avoid further bloodshed.

Bloodshed Greater?

Press despatches received in London would suggest that the bloodshed has been greater than the official statement admits.

Reuter, for instance, says that its information is to the effect that forty-five natives were killed, including twelve women.

The women, apparently, fomented the agitation and organised attacks, some on Government buildings and the Treasury house.

Apparently troops were ordered to fire over the heads of the crowds, but the orders were mis-constructed and a volley was fired into the midst of a mob.

Later. It is learned at the Colonial Office that all measures necessary for the security of those concerned in the disturbances in Nigeria have been taken.

A big demonstration of natives, including thousands of women, were assured that a tax would not be levied, but did not accept the assurance and refused to disperse, so the trouble began.—Reuter.

RECENT PALESTINE OUTRAGE.

NO CAUSE FOR UNDUE
ALARM.

London, Dec. 18. In the House of Commons to-day, Dr. Shields, Under-Secretary for India, confirmed that Dr. Berkowitz was shot at and wounded on December 3rd at Safed, in Palestine, and his condition was serious. He added that ten minutes later, at the same place, a Customs officer was shot at and wounded.

The British Government was satisfied that the Palestine Government was capable of maintaining order in that country, but it was, of course, impossible to guarantee, in Palestine or elsewhere, that isolated cases might not occur of offences against life and property.—British Wireless.

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